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Annual Report

TOWN OF

READING
MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1941

Reading Chronicle Press, Inc.
Reading, Mass.

Town Officers

Elected and Appointed

1941 — 1942

Board of Selectmen

CARL W. GOODRIDGE, Chairman	Term Expires 1943
ROBERT E. FOWLE, Secretary	" " 1942
HERBERT K. MILLER	" " 1944
LEON G. BENT, Clerk	

Board of Public Welfare

JOSEPH D. KNIGHT, Chairman	Term Expires 1942
MILES C. HIGGINS, Secretary	" " 1943
CHARLES E. WILKINSON	" " 1944
EDWARD E. HARNDEN, Secretary and Superintendent	
GLADYS M. LANE, RUTH C. SCHOLZ, Visitors	

Bureau of Old Age Assistance

JOSEPH D. KNIGHT, Chairman	Term Expires 1942
MILES C. HIGGINS	" " 1943
CHARLES E. WILKINSON	" " 1944
EDWARD E. HARNDEN, Director	
VIRGINIA C. SMITH, Secretary	
MARY F. DANIEL, Visitor	

Sponsor's Agent, W. P. A.

ARTHUR C. MICHELINI

Board of Assessors

*EDGAR FROST, Chairman	Term Expires 1942
HAROLD B. CURRELL, Secretary	" " 1944
ARTHUR S. COOK	" " 1943
†ROBERT A. DENNISON	" " 1942

Town Clerk
NORMAN P. CHARLES

Town Counsel
SAMUEL H. DAVIS

Moderator
CHARLES P. HOWARD

Treasurer
PRESTON F. NICHOLS

Collector of Taxes
GRACE V. VIALL

Town Accountant
LEON G. BENT

*Resigned
†Elected to fill vacancy.

Soldier's Relief Agent

CHARLES W. H. SMITH

Board of Public Works

WENDELL P. DAVIS, Chairman	Term Expires		1942
EDWARD A. BROPHY, Secretary	"	"	1943
ALEXANDER LINDSAY	"	"	1942
GILBERT M. LOTHROP	"	"	1943
EDWARD TEER	"	"	1944

PHILIP P. WELCH, Superintendent

Board of Health

EDWARD M. HALLIGAN, M. D., Chairman	Term Expires		1943
CHRISTINE F. ATKINSON, Secretary	"	"	1942
ROBERT B. SHEPARDSON, M. D.	"	"	1944

Finance Committee

JOHN L. DEVANEY, Chairman	Term Expires		1943
WILLIAM A. CONNELLY, D. M. D.	"	"	1943
BENJAMIN HOWE	"	"	1943
ALLAN H. STURGIS	"	"	1943
CLARENCE M. KIMBALL	"	"	1943
CLINTON L. BANCROFT	"	"	1942
LOUIS DAVIS	"	"	1942
A. ALDEN GOLDSMITH	"	"	1942
CHARLES F. TREVOR	"	"	1942
W. GARDNER LONG	"	"	1942
ROBERT M. FOLSOM	"	"	1944
WILLIAM S. GREGSON	"	"	1944
HERMAN M. NOYES	"	"	1944
G. LAWRENCE ROBERTS	"	"	1944
FRANK D. TANNER	"	"	1944

LEON G. BENT, Clerk

School Committee

IRVING C. AUSTIN, Chairman	Term Expires		1944
MARGARET CANTY	"	"	1942
*CHARLES R. WAKELING, M.D., D.O.	"	"	1942
NORMAN L. DUNCAN	"	"	1943
BERNARD L. MAXWELL	"	"	1944
ESTHER D. TWOMBLY	"	"	1943
†RALPH W. ALLEN	"	"	1943

ELBRIDGE C. GROVER, Secretary

Superintendent of Schools

ELBRIDGE C. GROVER

*Resigned.

†Elected to fill vacancy.

Attendance Officer

*JOSEPHINE L. FOWLER

§JEAN F. RAMSAY

School Physician	**School Nurse**
CHARLES R. HENDERSON, M. D.	MARGARET B. CLEWLEY

Municipal Light Board

HENRY R. JOHNSON, Chairman	Term Expires		1944
LOUIS ELLENWOOD, Secretary	"	"	1943
HERBERT G. EVANS	"	"	1942
ARTHUR G. SIAS, Manager			

Board of Registrars

WALTER A. SCANLON, Chairman	Term Expires		1943
‡OWEN McKENNEY	"	"	1942
ROBERT RALSTON	"	"	1944
§JAMES H. FLEMING	"	"	1942

Board of Cemetery Trustees

CLARENCE C. WHITE, Chairman	Term Expires		1944
FRED L. NUTTER, Secretary	"	"	1943
FRANK LEE EDGERLEY	"	"	1943
W. FLETCHER TWOMBLY	"	"	1944
HARRY C. BARR	"	"	1942
HAROLD F. DAVIS	"	"	1942

Planning Board

A. LLOYD DAVID, Chairman	Term Expires		1942
SHERBURNE J. WATTS, Secretary	"	"	1944
RICHARD F. DREW	"	"	1943
WINTHROP D. PARKER	"	"	1943
PHILIP R. WHITE	"	"	1944

Trustees Public Library

A. IMRIE DIXON, Chairman	Term Expires		1944
C. NELSON BISHOP, Secretary	"	"	1943
LOUIS M. LYONS	"	"	1942
WARREN L. FLETCHER	"	"	1943
*HELEN P. TIRRELL	"	"	1942
ISABEL G. HEDGES	"	"	1944
†KATHERINE C. PIERCE	"	"	1942

Commissioners of Trust Funds

H. RAYMOND JOHNSON, Chairman	Term Expires		1943
CLARENCE C. WHITE	"	"	1945
ROBERT M. BROWN	"	"	1947

Town Treasurer and Chairman of Selectmen, members ex-officiis.

†Elected to fill vacancy.

‡Retired.

*Resigned.

§Appointed to fill vacancy.

Board of Appeal

BENJAMIN B. PIPER, Chairman	Term Expires 1942
FRED L. NUTTER, Secretary	" " 1943
DUDLEY B. KILLAM	" " 1944

Associate Members of Board of Appeal

HERBERT T. SCHOPPELRY	Term Expires 1942
HOWARD T. CLINCH	" " 1943
CLIFTON S. NICHOLS	" " 1944

Sealer of Weights and Measures
CARL M. SMITH

Inspector of Milk and Food
CARL M. SMITH

Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Inspector
DAVID MARTIN

Inspector of Animals
BERNARD SCHIMPFKE

Dog Officer
CHARLES H. MELENDY

Game Warden
JAMES T. PUTNAM

Inspector of Buildings
*A. RUSSELL BARNES
†GEORGE H. SIDEBOTTOM

Superintendent of Moth Work and Tree Warden
MAURICE H. DONEGAN

Burial Agent, Soldiers and Sailors
CHARLES E. TASNEY

Custodian Soldiers' Graves
HARRY A. TURNER

Forest Warden
HUGH L. EAMES

Deputy Forest Warden
MAURICE H. DONEGAN

Constables

LEON G. BENT
J. WINTHROP SIAS

Insurance Committee

CARL W. GOODRIDGE
ROBERT E. FOWLE
HERBERT K. MILLER
} Board of Selectmen
PRESTON F. NICHOLS, Town Treasurer
JOHN L. DEVANEY, Chairman, Finance Committee

Law Committee

Consists of the Chairman of Board of Selectmen, Board of Assessors, Board of Health, Board of Public Welfare, School Committee, Board of Public Works, Municipal Light Board.

*Resigned.

†Appointed to fill vacancy.

Police Department

JEREMIAH CULLINANE, Chief

Sergeants

FRANCIS L. JOHNSON — FRANCIS T. SLACK

Patrolmen

TIMOTHY J. CULLINANE — JAMES H. LAWLER
FRANK R. FISHER — PATRICK J. LONG
THOMAS J. FITZPATRICK — GORDON G. MacINTIRE
EARL R. HUTCHINSON — HAROLD W. O'BRIEN
ARTHUR M. CURTIN — JOSEPH M. GREENE
THOMAS E. WALL

Reserve Officers

JOHN R. CONDON — ROLAND ELLIS
PATRICK J. PANTANO

Keeper of the Lock-up

JEREMIAH CULLINANE

Fire Department

HUGH L. EAMES, Chief
JOHN J. O'BRIEN, Deputy Chief

WILLIAM H. VANHORN, Capt. — HERBERT L. ROBERTSON
CHARLES H. HESELTON, Lieut. — ALBERT C. MAXWELL
GEORGE W. GOODRIDGE — LEWIS C. HOLDEN
ELMER A. DYKENS

Call Men

JOSEPH ARSENAULT — ‡OWEN McKENNEY, Capt.
GEORGE F. BAXTER — NELSON P. O'BRIEN
HOWARD E. BUSSELL — JAMES PERRY
ANDREW B. BUTTERS — H. HARVEY QUIGLEY
JOHN J. CARNEY — JOHN H. RAMSAY
CHARLES N. CHASE — HERMAN L. REISSLE
WILLIAM H. GAY, Capt. — GEORGE A. ROGERS
J. LOUIS GOODRIDGE — BERNARD SCHIMPFKE
CHESTER GOODWIN — G. WARREN SPRAGUE
LESLIE C. HADLEY — F. LIONEL SPRINGFORD
FRANK H. HESELTON, Lieut. — W. REGINALD VANHORN
CLIFFORD E. LITCHFIELD — GEORGE ZANNI

Superintendent of Fire Alarm

HUGH L. EAMES

Inspector of Wires

ALBERT C. MAXWELL

Measurers of Lumber

WILLIAM R. ZWICKER — BURTON K. SYMONDS

‡Retired.

Weighers of Coal and Hay

THOMAS E. BROGAN — BERTHA D. MacLELLAN
CHARLES W. LEE — WENDELL B. NEWELL
MABEL L. McKAY — PERCY N. SWEETSER
HENRY C. FLOYD

Measurers of Wood and Bark

PERCY N. SWEETSER — BURTON K. SYMONDS
THOMAS F. BROGAN

Field Drivers

ERNEST T. WAKEFIELD — ADOLPH S. LARSON
EDWARD E. NICHOLS

Fence Viewers

WENDELL B. NEWELL — CARL B. SAWYER
*ALBERT E. TEMPLE

Committee on Elm Tree Protection

ANDREW CHRISTENSEN — MAURICE H. DONEGAN
JOHN F. SAWYER

Committee on Town Forests

LELAND W. KINGMAN, Chairman	Term Expires 1943
HENRY M. DONEGAN	" " 1942
ORVILLE O. ORDWAY	" " 1944

Special Police Officers

JOHN F. MAGUIRE	Reading High School
CHARLES L. CUMMINGS	Reading High School
WILLIAM A. LLOYD	Lowell Street School
EDWARD McBRIEN	Pearl Street School
WALTER SMITH	Junior High School
JAMES L. HEALEY	Highland School
WILLIAM H. KILLAM	Masonic Bldg.
FRANK F. STROUT	Pumping Station
RALPH F. PLOUFF	
WILLIAM P. PIERPONT	
WILLIAM H. MANNING	
CHARLES H. MELENDY	
*GARDNER A. PERRY	
THOMAS F. CLASSEN	
JOHN E. CHASE	Unitarian Church and Comm. Hall
EDWARD E. HARNDEN	Union Street Building
ARTHUR MICHELINI	Union Street Building
CHARLES L. GOWING, Jr.	Reading Theatre
FRED REISSLE	Junior High School
WILLIAM SLACK	Town Dump
J. EDWARD BLACK	

*Deceased.

Special Police Officers

J. WINTHROP SIAS	
GEORGE O'KEEFE	
GEORGE W. HALL	
FREDERICK W. BURNS	Town Forest
CHARLES E. LANGDON	Odd Fellows Bldg.
H. HARVEY QUIGLEY	Funerals
M. RUSSELL MEIKLE	Reading Rifle and Revolver Club
WILLIAM N. RICHARDS	Baptist Church and First Nat'l Bank
CHARLES A. BENNER	Traffic Lights, Salem and Pearl Sts.
JACOB C. NIELSON	Skating Ponds
WILLIAM H. MILLER	
HUGH L. EAMES	
HENRY W. BRYDEN	
W. RAY YORKS	School Janitor
LEANDER SMITH	Prospect St. and Chestnut Hill School
SIMON CASTINE	Pearl St. School
JOHN J. KEENAN	Reading Theatre
HENRY O. BALLOU	Municipal Building and Library

Statistics

Population, census of 1940, 10,861.
Registered Voters: Male, 3,021; Female, 2,925; Total, 5,946.
Fifth Congressional District.
Sixth Councillor District.
Seventh Middlesex Senatorial District.
Eighteenth Middlesex Representative District.
Representative in Congress, 5th District, Edith Nourse Rogers, Lowell.
Councillor 6th District, Raymond S. Wilkins, Winchester.
Senator 7th Middlesex District, Arthur W. Coolidge, Reading.
Representatives 18th Middlesex District, Newell H. Morton, Reading, and Herman P. Peterson, Woburn.

List Of Jurors For 1941-1942

Prepared by the Board of Selectmen

Name	Occupation	Residence
Abbott, George W.,	Manager	32 Mineral St.
Abbott, H. Kingman,	Civil Engineer	14 Bancroft Ave.
Adams, Earle W.,	Sales Engineer	15 Mineral St.
Alger, Charles I.,	Salesman	144 Woburn St.
Alger, James W.,	Dairy Service Man	83 Locust St.
Allen, Lawrence W.,	Bank Clerk	58 Temple St.
Anderson, Eric A. R.,	Cabinet Maker	21 Pennsylvania Ave.

Name	Occupation	Residence
Anderson, Percy E.,	Clerk	174 Prescott St.
Austin, Irving C.,	Wool Merchant	180 Prescott St.
Babcock, Ralph G.,	Accountant	28 Berkeley St.
Bailey, Bertrand W.,	Manager	294 Summer Ave.
Bain, James,	Superintendent	10 Elliott St.
Baker, Roy E.,	Supervisor	31 Avon St.
Bancroft, Clinton L.,	Engineer	60 Bancroft Ave.
Barber, Dana H.,	Engineer	12 Hampshire Rd.
Barnes, Arthur R., Jr.,	Civil Engineer	37 Willow St.
Barnes, George E.,	Operator	103 Green St.
Barris, George R.,	Fuel Oil Engineer	54 Temple St.
Barstow, Merton C.,	Public Accountant	77 Howard St.
Bates, Herman M.,	Accountant	169 Summer Ave.
Beaudry, George B.,	Salesman	36 Pearl St.
Beeler, Howard A.,	Engineer	57 Scotland Rd.
Bell, J. Angus,	Salesman	87 Hanscom Ave.
Benjamin, William H., Jr.,	Salesman	18 Berkeley St.
Bickford, Ralph H.,	Bank Teller	5 Longfellow Rd.
Bird, Willis F.,	Salesman	97 Franklin St.
Blaisdell, Grover C.,	Service Manager	113 Summer Ave.
Brogan, Thomas E.,	Bookkeeper	5 Washington St.
Bruns, Frederick L.,	Poultry Man	294 Charles St.
Burnham, Vaughan F.,	Salesman	89 Highland St.
Byram, Joseph R.,	Salesman	68 Hillcrest Rd.
Cahill, Joseph E.,	Shoecutter	87 Bancroft Ave.
Cahoon, Benjamin B.,	Tel. Man	126 Oak St.
Callahan, Timothy E.,	Salesman	93 Lowell St.
Camp, Harry Upson,	Insurance Broker	28 Highland St.
Carleton, Philemon P., Jr.,	Auto Dealer	19 Hartshorn St.
Carpenter, Albert E. C.,	Salesman	14 Vale Rd.
Chamberlain, Daniel L.,	Salesman	59 Hanscom Ave.
Chapin, Earle H.,	Salesman	134 High St.
Chesley, Richard B.,	Salesman	54 Linden St.
Clapp, Ernest E.,	Electrician	13 Highland St.
Clark, Joseph R.,	Bookkeeper	81 Ash St.
Cloudman, H. Ernest,	Stereotyper	538 Summer Ave.
Clough, George H.,	Manufacturer	19 Perkins Ave.
Cogger, Harold W.,	Florist	9 Cross St.
Dennison, Robert A.,	Superintendent	26 Copeland Ave.
Desmond, Daniel J.,	Manager	8 Center Ave.
Fairclough, William T.,	Civil Engineer	125 Grove St.
Fletcher, Warren L.,	Voicer	57 Highland St.
Flint, Russell A.,	Teller	25 Sunnyside Ave.

Name	Occupation	Residence
Flynn, John E.,	U. S. Customs	231 Forest St.
Fowler, Walter M.,	Insurance	941 Main St.
Gallagher, Francis A.,	P. O. Clerk	179 Green St.
Gallant, Ernest E.,	Cashier	48 Hanscom Ave.
Gleason, Clement T.,	Bank Clerk	53 Prescott St.
Godfrey, Charles L.,	Treasurer	16 Lee St.
Goff, John W.,	Decorator	9 Arlington St.
Goldsmith. A. Alden,	Insurance Broker	199 Bancroft Ave.
Goodridge, Walter V.,	Clerk	103 Village St.
Graupner, Frank C.,,	Bookkeeper	149 Pleasant St.
Griffiths, Eleazer H.,	Salesman	71 Harrison St.
Gunn, George W.,	Tel. Engineer	37 School St
Hach, John P.,	Mill Representative	45 Pratt St.
Halloran, Martin J., Jr.,	Bank Clerk	22 Prescott St.
Harris, Wilbur L.,	Merchant	868 Main St.
Hasty, Charles S.,	Insurance	46 Temple St.
Hitchcock, Frank T., Jr.,	Technical Engineer	226 Woburn St.
Hogan, Roderick M.,	Foreman	20 Summer Ave.
Holmes, Henry J.,	Clerk	16 Gardner Rd.
Hopkins, Arthur F.,	Wholesale Grain	40 Scotland Rd.
Horrocks, Percy L.,	Salesman	404 Main St.
Ives, Charles Q.,	Research Engineer	132 Oak St.
Jewett, Irving F.,	Insurance	331 Summer Ave.
Jones, Charles W.,	Voicer	142 Wakefield St.
Kevorkian, Edward A.,	Rug Merchant	169 High St.
Kilgore, Ernest E.,	Clerk	19 Fairview Ave.
Kimball, Walter B.,	Salesman	269 West St.
King, Chester R.,	Painter	140 Village St.
Knapp, Arthur C.,	Engineer	35 Pinevale Ave.
Knudson, Benjamin, Jr.,	Superintendent	60 Hanscom Ave.
Koch, Gustave H.,	Painter	389 Lowell St.
Kroeck, Julius,	Dept. Agriculture	24 Thorndike St.
Lane, Melvin C.,	Traffic Rep.	87 Hopkins St.
Langdon, Charles E.,	Custodian	29a Highland St.
Leavitt, Ernest R.,	Accountant	11 Ridge Rd.
Litchfield, Clifford E.,	Fire Alarm	182 Bancroft Ave.
MacLean, Donald W.,	Telegraph Editor	67 Vine St.
Mansfield, John E.,	Carpenter	182 Franklin St.
Mercer, James R., Jr.,	Teller	218 West St.
Morss, Lawrence V.,	Tel. Test Man	7 Bond St.
McKenney, Charles J.,	Clerk	18 Arlington St.
Nichols, Ralph L.,	Accountant	69 Hanscom Ave.
Norton, Robert D.,	Bank Clerk	55 Bancroft Ave.

Name	Occupation	Residence
Noyes, Herman M.,	Buyer	73 Howard St.
O'Brien, Philip H.,	Garage Owner	30 Spring St.
Painting, Samuel P.,	Supervisor	14 Fairview Ave.
Parry, Louis A.,	Machinist	7 Orange St.
Pease, George B.,	Sales Engineer	181 Summer St.
Pierpont, Niles W.,	Salesman	94 Salem St.
Plouff, Ralph F.,	Mechanic	4 Morgan Pk.
Poock, Henry R.,	Shipper	53 Federal St.
Quigley, Harvey,	Assistant	319 Main St.
Quinlan, John J.,	Mail Clerk	47 Washington St.
Ralston, Robert S.,	Proof Reader	9 Dudley St.
Reed, Joseph H.,	Manager	78 Middlesex Ave.
Richardson, Charles L., Jr.,	Clerk	418 Summer Ave.
Roberts, G. Lawrence,	Sales Manager	30 Perkins Ave.
Rollins, Edwin E.,	Salesman	71 Vine St.
Sanders, Wilbur S.,	Accountant	62 Linden St.
Sargent, Carl N.,	Expressman	18 Woburn St.
Sawyer, Kenneth E.,	Insp. W. U. Tel.	167 Lowell St.
Scanlon, Walter A.,	Clerk	331 Haven St.
Schaeffer, Frank W.,	Asst. Engineer	74 Prescott St.
Schimpfke, Joseph C. Jr..	Meat Cutter	179 West St.
Sherman, Herbert L.,	Store Manager	27 Hanscom Ave.
Stalliday, Clarence J.,	Agent	64 Pearl St.
Stanley, John W.,	Salesman	946 Main St.
Stevens, Chester D.,	Statistician	100 Franklin St.
Stevens, Frank M.,	Insurance	14 School St.
Stratton, Charles P.,	Electrical Insp.	174 Bancroft Ave.
Sullivan, Charles A.,	Shoe Cutter	11 Winthrop Ave.
Surrette, Leo A.,	Traveling Freight Agent	11 Temple St.
Sweetser, Charles N.,	Manufacturer	7 Gilmore Ave.
Taber, George A.,	Consulting Engineer	1000 Main St.
True, Frederick H.,	Clerk	31 Fairview Ave.
Turner, Clifton H.,	Clerk	123 Salem St.
Turner, Harry A.,	Painter	17 Highland St
Viall, Milton B.,	Salesman	175 Bancroft Ave.
Wade, Alfred P.,	Salesman	259 Summer Ave.
Wall, John T., Jr.,	Government Work	14 Warren Ave.
Wescott, Donald C.,	Police Clerk	18 Federal St.
Wiberg, Sven O.,	Nurseryman	443 West St.
Widell, John M.,	Clerk	8 Glen Rd.

CARL W. GOODRIDGE,
ROBERT E. FOWLE,
HERBERT K. MILLER,
Selectmen of Reading.

Report of The Town Clerk

Town Warrant for Annual Town Meeting

Seal

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Reading, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in Security Hall, Woburn Street in said Reading on

Monday, the Third Day of March, A. D. 1941

at seven o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following, viz:

Article 1. To bring in their votes on one ballot for Moderator for one year; Town Clerk for one year; one member of the Board of Selectmen for three years; one member of the Board of Public Welfare for three years; one member of the Board of Public Welfare for one year; one member of the Board of Assessors for three years; Treasurer for one year; Collector of taxes for one year; one member of the Board of Public Works for three years; one member of the Board of Public Works for two years; two Constables for one year; Tree Warden for three years; one member of the Municipal Light Board for three years; one member of the Board of Health for three years; two members of the School Committee for three years; two Trustees of the Public Library for three years; two members of the Planning Board for three years; two members of the Board of Cemetery Trustees for three years.

And to meet in Security Hall, Woburn St., on Monday the Tenth Day of March, A. D. 1941 at seven forty-five in the evening to act on the following Articles:

Article 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Board of Selectmen, Town Accountant, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Board of Assessors, Board of Public Works, Town Clerk, Tree Warden, Board of Health, Board of Public Welfare, School Committee, Public Library Trustees, Municipal Light Board, Cemetery Trustees, Planning Board, Finance Committee, Contributory Retirement Board and any other Boards and Special Committees.

Article 3. To choose all other necessary town officers and special committees and determine what instructions shall be given town officers and special committees.

Article 4. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for General Government, Protection of Persons and Property, Health and Sanitation, Board of Public Works, including Highways, Sidewalks, Drainage, Common, Parks and Supervised Play, Water Department and Sewer Department, Public Dumps, Charities and Aid, Soldier's Benefits, Public Schools, Public Library, Cemeteries, Memo-

rial Day Observance, Municipal Light Department, Street Lighting, Maturing Debt, Interest, Insurance, Contributory Retirement System, and General Accounts.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1942, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Town Treasurer.

Article 6. To see what sum the Town will raise by borrowing or otherwise under authority of Chapter 458 of the Acts of 1939, or any amendment thereof and appropriate for the construction of a system of drainage for draining the lowlands located in the Town adjacent to Lake Quannapowitt, and to authorize and empower the Town Treasurer to pay such sum so raised by borrowing or otherwise into the State Treasury for the construction of such system as provided in said Act, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Special Drainage Committee.

Article 7. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the Reserve Fund as provided in Section 6, Chapter 40, General Laws, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Town Accountant.

Article 8. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of foreclosing in the Land Court pursuant to provisions of Section 65 of Chapter 60, of the General Laws, the right of redemption to any and all real estate taken by the Town for non-payment of taxes, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Town Treasurer.

Article 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars ($600.00) for the care of graves of any persons who have served in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States, in time of war or insurrection, and who have been honorably discharged from such service, as provided by Section 22, Chapter 115, General Laws, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen.

Article 10. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum sufficient to pay the County of Middlesex as required by law on account of assessments levied on the town for its share of the principal of the Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital Funding Loan, Act of 1932, bonds maturing in 1941, issued in compliance with Chapter 10, Acts of 1932, also for any other indebtedness incurred and outstanding under said Chapter 10, also for the town's share of the cost and interest on said

bonds due in 1941, also for care, maintenance, and repair of said hospital for 1940, and including interest on Temporary Notes, issued therefor in accordance with sections of Chapter 111 of the General Laws applicable therefor, and for all other expenses in connection therewith, including Chapter 400, Section 25G (6a) of the Acts of 1936, determine how the money shall be raised or in any way act thereon.

Board of Selectmen.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to accept the devise of real estate under the will of the late Frank G. Jones, and to authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen to execute any and all documents which may be necessary in connection therewith in the name and behalf of the Town, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen.

Article 12. To see if the Town will authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen to sell upon such terms and conditions as they may determine, the real estate situated on Line Road and acquired by the Town by devise under the will of the late Frank G. Jones and to sign, seal, acknowledge and deliver in the name and in behalf of the Town the deed and such other instruments which may be necessary conveying such property to the purchaser thereof, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen.

Article 13. To see if the Town will authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen to sell upon such terms and conditions as they may determine the real estate owned by the Town and situated on the westerly side of School Street and consisting of approximately nine thousand and ten (9,010) square feet of land together with the building thereon known as the Channel House, and to sign, seal, acknowledge and deliver in the name and behalf of the Town, the deed and such other instruments as may be necessary, conveying such property to the purchaser thereof, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to accept the voluntary gift of $1,000 from Marion H. Raymond and to hold such fund when received for the purchase of educational literature and books for the Library in the Senior High School as provided by the terms of said gift and to authorize the Town Treasurer to receipt for such fund when received, and to execute any and all documents which may be necessary in connection therewith in the name and behalf of the Town, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen.

Article 15. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise by borrowing or otherwise, and appropriate for W. P. A. expense, including

Administrative, Truck Hire, Equipment and materials, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen.

Article 16. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the preparation and printing of a Street List for the year 1941, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen.

Article 17. To see what action the Town will take regarding the installation of additional street lights on the public streets during the year 1941, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Municipal Light Board.

Article 18. To see what sum the Town will raise by borrowing or otherwise, and appropriate for the construction of an addition to the Municipal Light Garage and Stockroom at the Plant on Ash Street, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Municipal Light Board.

Article 19. To see what sum the Town will raise by borrowing or otherwise and appropriate for the extension of the underground system of the Municipal Light Plant by the installation of cables, switches, and transformers in the underground ducts on High and Lowell Streets and to connect Street Light Posts and services therewith, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Municipal Light Board.

Article 20. To see what sum the Town will raise by borrowing or otherwise and appropriate for the purchase of material and equipment to be used in co-operation with the Federal Government for a W. P. A. Project for the extension of the underground system of the Municipal Light Plant on the following streets: Lincoln Street, Prescott Street, Summer Avenue, and Temple Street, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Municipal Light Board.

Article 21. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the Cemetery Reserve for the permanent development of Laurel Hill and Forest Glen Cemeteries, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Cemetery Trustees.

Article 22. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the transportation of school children for the year 1941, or what it will do in relation thereto.

School Committee.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and empower the Board of Health to enter into a contract for the collection and disposal of garbage for a term of three years, and upon such other and further terms and conditions as they may determine and to see what

sum the Town will raise and appropriate for such purpose, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Health.

Article 24. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purchase of equipment for use by the Board of Public Works, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works.

Article 25. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the further development of Storm Water Drainage, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works.

Article 26. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the resurfacing and the construction of an over hanging sidewalk on Mineral Street Bridge, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works.

Article 27. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of improving and constructing Lowell Street, from High Street towards Reading Square under Section 34, Chapter 90 of the General Laws, together with such sums as may be provided by the State and County, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works.

Article 28. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of improving and constructing Charles Street from Main Street toward Haverhill Street, under Section 34, Chapter 90 of the General Laws, together with such sums as may be provided by the State and County, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Board of Public Works on relocating or altering a portion of the location lines of Green Street and High Streets at their terminus at the Southeasterly corner of Green Street and High Street, said location lines being relocated or altered in accordance with plan duly approved by the Board of Public Works and filed in the office of the Town Clerk, in accordance with the statutory requirements, and to see if the Town will accept the relocation or alteration of the said location lines as shown on said plan, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Board of Public Works on relocating or altering a portion of the location lines of Prescott Street and Washington Street at their terminus at the Southwesterly corner of Prescott and Washington Street, said location lines being relocated or altered in accordance with plan duly approved by the Board of Public Works and filed in the office of the Town Clerk, in accordance with the statutory requirements, and to see if the Town will accept the relocation or alteration of the said

location lines as shown on said plan, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Board of Public Works on relocating or altering a portion of the location lines of John Street and Union Street at their terminus at the Southwesterly corner of John Street and Union Street, said location lines being relocated or altered in accordance with plan duly approved by the Board of Public Works and filed in the office of the Town Clerk, in accordance with the statutory requirements, and to see if the Town will accept the relocation or alteration of the said location lines as shown on said plan, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Board of Public Works upon the laying out as a public highway of a private way known as Coolidge Road, under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, such highway being laid out in accordance with plan duly approved by the Board of Survey and filed in the office of the Town Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements, and to see if the Town will accept the public way laid out by the Board of Public Works as Coolidge Road, and to see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the said laying out and the construction of said way, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Board of Public Works upon the laying out as a public highway of a private way known as Springvale Road, under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, such highway being laid out in accordance with plan duly approved by the Board of Survey and filed in the office of the Town Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements, and to see if the Town will accept the public way laid out by the Board of Public Works as Springvale Road, and to see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the said laying out and the construction of said way, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Board of Public Works upon the laying out as a public highway of a private way known as County Road, under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, such highway being laid out in accordance with plan duly approved by the Board of Survey and filed in the office of the Town Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements, and to see if the Town will accept the public way laid out by the Board of Public Works as County Road, and to see what sum

the Town will raise and appropriate for the said laying out and the construction of said way, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Board of Public Works upon the laying out as a public highway of a private way known as Pilgrim Road, under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, such highway being laid out in accordance with plan duly approved by the Board of Survey and filed in the office of the Town Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements, and to see if the Town will accept the public way laid out by the Board of Public Works as Pilgrim Road, and to see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the said laying out and the construction of said way, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Board of Public Works upon the laying out as a public highway of a private way known as Bond Street, under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, such highway being laid out in accordance with plan duly approved by the Board of Survey and filed in the office of Town Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements, and to see if the Town will accept the public way laid out by the Board of Public Works as Bond Street, and to see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the said laying out and the construction of said way, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Board of Public Works upon the laying out as a public highway of a private way known as West Hill Circle, under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, such highway being laid out in accordance with plan duly approved by the Board of Survey and filed in the office of the Town Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements, and to see if the Town will accept the public way laid out by the Board of Public Works as West Hill Circle, and to see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the said laying out and the construction of said way, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Board of Public Works upon the laying out as a public highway of a private way known as Wescroft Road, under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, such highway being laid out in accordance with plan duly approved by the Board of Survey and filed in the office of the Town Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements, and to see if the Town will accept the public way laid out by the Board of Public Works as Wescroft Road, and to see what sum

the Town will raise and appropriate for the said laying out and the construction of said way, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the relocation or altering of the corner of Bancroft Avenue and Highland Street, said corner being relocated or altered in accordance with plan duly approved by the Board of Public Works and filed in the office of the Town Clerk in accordance with the statutory requirements, and to see if the Town will accept the relocation or alteration of the corner of Bancroft Avenue and Highland Street as shown on said plan and to see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate therefor, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Committee consisting of five members for the purpose of investigating and studying the advisability of the Town adopting the representative form of town meeting government and to report at a subsequent Town meeting, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Neighborhood Betterment Assn.

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen to secure as headquarters for Reading Post 62 of the American Legion the premises situated on the Westerly side of Ash Street known as Victory House and to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred ($1,500.00) dollars as rent for such premises for the term of one year, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Richard A. Skane and others.

Article 42. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for further development of the Town Forest, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Committee on Re-Forestation.

Article 43. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars ($400.00) for Child Welfare Work, to be expended under the direction of the Reading Visiting Nurse Association and the Board of Health, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Josephine L. Fowler and others.

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-Laws for the Construction of Buildings by inserting at the end of Section 36 a new section as follows: Section 36 A. "New roof coverings, regardless of type or composition, shall not be laid over existing wood shingles. All existing wood shingles must be removed before new roofing is laid. Fire resisting roof covering may be placed over fire resisting roofing provided the existing fire resisting roofing has not been laid over wood shingles."

Chief Hugh L. Eames.

The polls at the election March 3rd will open at seven o'clock a. m. and will close at eight o'clock p. m.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in at least ten public places in the Town not less than seven days prior to March 3rd, 1941 the date set for the meeting in said warrant, and to cause this warrant to be published in the Reading Chronicle one day at least prior to said date.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of February, A. D. 1941.

NEWELL H. MORTON
ROBERT E. FOWLE
CARL W. GOODRIDGE
Selectmen of Reading.

OFFICERS RETURN

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex ss.

Reading, Mass., February 24, 1941

By virtue of this warrant I, this day, have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Reading qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the place and at the time specified in this warrant by posting attested copies in the following Public Places within the Town of Reading:

Municipal Building	Danforth's Drug Store
Odd Fellows Building	Weadick's Drug Store
Masonic Building	M. F. Charles Store

Annual Election of Town Officers

Lyceum Hall Building	Austin's Lunch
Police Station	Haven St. Spa
Reading Fire Station No. 1	B. & M. R. R. Station
Reading Fire Station No. 2	Sanborn Hill Filling Station

The same being not less than seven days prior to March 3, 1941, the date set for the meeting in said warrant.

I also caused this warrant to be published in the Reading Chronicle date of February 28, 1941 the same being at least one day prior to said date.

Signed, J. W. Sias,
Constable of Reading.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICERS

Security Hall, Woburn St., March 3, 1941

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, and the Constable's Return, a Town Meeting was held at the time and in the place therein specified, and was called to order by the Moderator, Charles P. Howard. The warrant was partially read by the Town Clerk, when on motion of J. Winthrop Sias it was voted to dispense with further reading of the warrant, except the Constable's Return thereon, which was duly read by the Town Clerk Norman P. Charles. The ballot boxes were examined and found empty, and the keys were delivered to the Constable J. Winthrop Sias.

The following persons were appointed by the Selectmen to serve as Election Officers and sworn.

Ballot Boxes

R.	Helen DeCoster	14 Grand St.
D.	Charles A. Sullivan	11 Winthrop Ave.

Ballot Clerks

R.	Gladys R. Dickinson	25 Arlington St.
D.	William Carney	35 Park Ave.

Checkers

D.	Nellie Whelton	7 High St.
R.	Winifred E. McClintock	188 Wakefield St.
D.	Catherine E. Reilly	67 Mineral St.
R.	Harriett Leuchtman	18 Belmont St.
R.	Catherine L. Doherty	111 Green St.
R.	M. Louise Classen	13 Chute St.
D.	Mary C. Barrett	38 Warren Ave.
D.	Charles McKenney	18 Arlington St.
R.	May C. Horrocks	63 Highland St.
R.	Vaughan F. Burnham	89 Highland St.
R.	Jessie N. Thaxter	11 Winter St.
R.	Mabel E. Bennett	38 Highland St.
D.	Catherine V. Wright	21 Arlington St.
D.	Marie M. Day	18 Elm St.

Counters

R.	Elizabeth M. Brown	309 Haven St.
R.	Robert F. Nichols	65 Lowell St.
D.	Francis J. Thornton	29 Minot St.
D.	John F. Cummings	25 Temple St.
R.	Harold Flater	33 Minot St.
R.	Herbert A. Tibbetts	187 High St.
R.	Joseph Mount	10 Linden St.
R.	Merle H. Pollitz	130 Woburn St.

D.	Edwin J. Doherty	10 Linden St.
	George R. Dunn	137 Pleasant St.
	Albert R. Maines	16 Green St.
	Edmund C. J. Burke	18 Hartshorn St.
	Charles Laetsch, Jr.	13 Percy Ave.
	John E. Toner	11 Winthrop Ave.
D.	Charles H. Sullivan	100 Van Norden Rd.
	Eleanor Taylor	507 Main St.
	Leland P. Hilts	66 Green St.
R.	Charles C. Wakefield	22 Mt. Vernon St.

Tabulators

	John Walsh	10 Temple St.
	Wilfred B. Sylvester	155 High St.

Counters Continued

D.	Arthur Bernstein	7 Harnden St.
R.	Harriett P. Leutchman	18 Belmont St.

Annual Election of Town Officers

Checkers

R.	Winifred McClintock	188 Wakefield St.
D.	Nellie E. Whelton	7 High St.
D.	Charles J. McKenney	18 Arlington St.
R.	Vaughan F. Burnham	89 Highland St.
R.	Albert Graupner	64 Pleasant St.
D.	David J. Whelton	7 High St.
R.	Bernard Schimpfke	179 West St.
R.	Dorothy Ambler	256 Lowell St.
D.	Melvin Talbot	87 Green St.
D.	Margaret M. Sumner	1 Center Ave.
R.	Eleanora Crowe	114 Ash St.
D.	Virginia M. Doiron	71 Curtis St.
D.	Rose A. Gadbois	8 Maple St.
R.	Sadie B. Riseman	96 Washington St.
R.	John W. Goff	9 Arlington St.
D.	George Robbins	9 Mineral St.
R.	(Mrs.) Charles F. Herrick	1243 Main St.
D.	S. S. Spellman	37 Mt. Vernon St.
R.	Robert Hickman	65 Charles St.
R.	Joseph R. Clark	81 Ash St.
D.	Edward Fleming	16 Green St.
R.	John G. Rideout	94 Pleasant St.
D.	Margaret Greene	7 Warren Ave.
R.	Oren L. Crowe	114 Ash St.
D.	Edgar Davis	7 Michelini Lane

D.	Margaret Thornton	10 Minot St.
R.	Eleanor V. Chase	79 Woburn St.
D.	Catherine Winslow	2 Warren Ave.
D.	George Meaney, Jr.	42 Hancock St.

The polls were duly opened at 7 o'clock A. M. and closed at 8 o'clock P. M. with the following results. Whole number of votes cast.

Moderator for One Year

Charles P. Howard, 186 Summer Ave.	3024
Blanks	430
Scattered	2

Town Clerk for One Year

Norman P. Charles, 83 Bancroft Ave.	3190
Blanks	264
Scattered	2

Selectman for Three Years

Kittie M. Bangs, 42 Main St.	854
Herbert K. Miller, 443 Summer Ave.	2154
Roy C. Skidmore, 69 Hanscom Ave.	359
Blanks	89

Board of Public Welfare for Three Years

Kittie M. Bangs, 42 Main St.	1313
Charles E. Wilkinson, 1127 Main St.	2045
Blanks	98

Board of Public Welfare for One Year

Joseph D. Knight, 20 Perkins Ave.	2885
Blanks	569
Scattered	2

Assessor

Harold B. Currell, 22 Woodward Ave.	975
Frank E. Gray, 119 Middlesex Ave.	934
Harold W. Putnam, 147 Bancroft Ave.	911
Alexander Williamson, 79 Grand St.	561
Blanks	75

Treasurer

Preston F. Nichols, 68 Linden St.	3093
Blanks	363

Tax Collector

Grace V. Viall, 52 Bancroft Ave.	2993
Blanks	461
Scattered	2

Board of Public Works for Two Years

Roland B. Hoag, 836 Main St.	945
Gilbert M. Lothrop, 13 Longfellow Rd.	1295
Andrew A. Zanni, 658 Main St.	873
Blanks	343

Tree Warden for Three Years

Maurice H. Donegan, 236 Walnut St.	2308
Edward H. Emerson, 1457 Main St.	552
Eldridge F. Munnis, Off Pearl St.	506
Blanks	90

Board of Public Works for Three Years

Edward Teer, 308 Lowell St.	1470
Elmer Turkington, 63 Locust St.	1453
Blanks	531
Scattered	2

Constables for One Year

Leon G. Bent, 767 Main St.	2855
J. Winthrop Sias, 43 Salem St.	2822
Blanks	1232
Scattered	3

Municipal Light Board for Three Years

Henry R. Johnson, 15 Woodward Ave.	1643
Arthur D. Moulton, 36 Prospect St.	811
Harold P. Snow, 72 Cross St.	845
Blanks	157

Board of Health, for Three Years

Robert B. Shepardson, 12 Pratt St.	3042
Blanks	413
Scattered	1

School Committee for Three Years

Irving C. Austin, 180 Prescott St.	2879
Bernard L. Maxwell, 24 Highland St.	2857
Blanks	1175
Scattered	1

Trustees of Public Library for Three Years

A. Imrie Dixon, 186 Bancroft Ave.	2865
Isabelle G. Hedges, 124 Prescott St.	2830
Blanks	1216
Scattered	1

Trustees of Cemetery for Three Years

W. Fletcher Twombly, 47 Highland St.	2929
Clarence C. White, 40 Sanborn St.	2948
Blanks	1034
Scattered	1

Planning Board for Three Years

Philip R. White, 189 Summer Ave.	2830
Sherburne Watts, 7 Fremont St.	500
Blanks	3536
Scattered	46

The votes were counted and declared in open Town Meeting and the ballots were sealed and delivered to the Town Clerk whereupon it was voted to adjourn, to meet at 7:45 o'clock p. m. Monday, March 10, 1941.

Town Clerk.

PETITION FOR RECOUNT OF VOTES

March 6, 1941

To the:
Secretary of the Board of Registrars,
Reading, Massachusetts.

We the undersigned citizens of the Town of Reading, Mass., do hereby respectfully petition your Honorable Board for a recount of the votes cast for the office of Assessor of the Town of Reading, Mass., at the town election, March 3, 1941.

The above being filed by Frank E. Gray, at 7:10 p. m. and within the 3 day time limit as prescribed by law and being signed by ten registered voters, one being notarized, the Board of Registrars were presented with the petition and proceeded to hold a recount forthwith.

Recount of Votes, Sunday, March 9th, 1941

Victor E. Cullington, 23 Eaton St., Catherine Winslow, 35 Warren Ave., Virginia W. Doiron, 71 Curtis St., Harriett Leutchman, Belmont St., Donald C. Tuttle, 129 Pleasant St., Sadie B. Riseman, Washington St., Catherine Whelton, 7 High St., Charles J. McKenney, 20 Arlington St., Margaret Sumner, 8 Center Ave., Lillian Drew, 158 Salem St., Edwin Wendell, 21 Minot St., Frances B. Draper, 633 Main St., Eleanor Dissel, 141 Summer Ave., John E. Rideout, Haven St., Helen DeCoster, 9 Grand St., John Wendell, 104 Pleasant S., Tabulator—J. Robert Clark, 81 Ash St.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Security Hall, Woburn St., March 10, 1941

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Charles P. Howard. The warrant was partially read by the Town Clerk, but on motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted to dispense with further reading of the warrant except the Contable's Return, which was then read by Norman P. Charles, Town Clerk.

The following were appointed Checkers:

R. John W. Goff	9 Arlington St.
R. Harriett Leutchman	18 Belmont St.
R. Helen DeCoster	14 Grand St.
R. Joseph R. Clark	81 Ash St.

Article 2. On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted to lay Article 2 on the table. On motion of Arthur W. Coolidge it was voted to take up Article 14.

Article 14. On motion of Rudolph Sussmann it was voted that the gift of One Thousand ($1,000) Dollars from Marion H. Raymond for the purchase of educational literature and books for the library in the Senior High School be and the same hereby is accepted and the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and empowered to execute in the name and behalf of the Town, receipt for such fund and to execute any and all other documents which may be necessary in connection therewith.

On motion of Samuel H. Davis the meeting gave a rising vote of thanks to Marion H. Raymond for the gift to the school library.

Article 3. On motion of Richard F. Drew it was voted that the Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to represent the Town at the Legislative hearing upon House Bill 1068 being a petition of the planning board of the Town of Stoneham for the construction by the State Department of Public Works of a new highway in the towns of Stoneham, Wakefield and Reading and the Selectmen are further authorized and empowered to have the Town of Reading recorded in favor of the enactment of such legislation and to take such other action as they may deem necessary and advisable for the passage of the proposed law by the General Court.

Article 3. On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted that a committee consisting of five members be appointed by the Moderator for the purpose of arranging for a suitable program or exercise to commemorate the observance of the 300th Anniversary of the incorporation of the Town, and that such committee report at a subsequent Town Meeting to be held not later than December 31, 1942.

Article 3. On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted that the following be chosen to serve as Measurers of Lumber for the ensuing year:

Burton K. Symonds, William R. Zwicker, Edward A. Brophy.

and that the following be chosen to serve as Measurers of Wood and Bark:

Percy N. Sweetser, Burton K. Symonds, Thomas F. Brogan.

On motion of Samuel H. Davis it was voted to lay Article 3 on the table.

Article 4. On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted that twenty-six thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars be raised and appropriated for General Government as follows:

Selectmen's Expenses	$ 500.00
Selectmen's Clerical	1,310.00
Town Accountant's Salary	2,000.00
Treasurer's Salary	1,200.00
Treasurer's Expenses	700.00
Treasurer's Clerical	375.00
Collector's Salary	2,300.00‡
Collector's Expenses	1,000.00
Collector's Clerical	600.00
Assessor's Salaries	1,800.00
Assessor's Expenses	1,500.00*
Assessor's Clerical	2,600.00
Town Counsel's Salary	1,000.00
Town Counsel's Expenses	550.00
Town Clerk's Salary	1,000.00‡
Town Clerk's Expenses	600.00
Registrars' Salaries	315.00
Registrars' Expenses Special	800.00
Election and Registration Expenses	700.00
Planning Board Expense	400.00
Miscellaneous Expense	3,500.00
Municipal Building Maintenance	2,200.00
	$ 26,950.00

‡Fees to Town Treasury.
Including Block System.

Article 4. On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted that ninety-two thousand, nine hundred and thirty-three dollars ($92,933.00) be raised and appropriated for Protection of Persons and Property as follows:

Police Dept. Salaries	$ 36,740.00
Police Dept. Maintenance	4,950.00
Police Station Maintenance	1,415.00
Fire Dept. Salaries	20,000.00
Fire Dept. Callmen	3,546.00
O. O. Ordway Pension	1,300.00
Fire Dept. Maintenance	3,455.00
Fire Stations Maintenance	1,290.00
Fire Alarm Maintenance	1,625.00
Fire Alarm Extension	2,500.00
New Boxes	400.00

Hydrant Rentals	5,562.00
Moth Dept.	5,100.00
Tree Warden Maintenance	3,200.00
Inspector of Building's Salary	500.00
Inspector of Wires Salary	200.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures Salary	500.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures Expenses	250.00
Game Warden Salary	100.00
Dog Officers Salary	300.00
	$ 92,933.00

Article 4. On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted that the sum of eight thousand and seventy-five dollars ($8,075.00) be raised and appropriated for Health and Sanitation as follows:

Board of Health Salaries	$ 300.00
Board of Health Expenses	225.00
Inspector of Plumbing Salary	500.00
Inspector of Animals Salary	200.00
Inspector of Milk and Food Salary	200.00
Care of Contagious Diseases	6,000.00
Dental Clinic	650.00
	$ 8,075.00

Article 4. On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted that eleven thousand six hundred dollars ($11,600.00) be raised and appropriated for Soldiers' Benefits as follows:

State Aid	$ 600.00
Military Aid	1,000.00
Soldiers' (Aid) Relief	10,000.00
	$ 11,600.00

Article 4. On motion of Joseph D. Knight it was voted that the sum of one hundred fourteen thousand, two hundred dollars ($114,200.00) be raised and appropriated for Charities and Aid as follows:

General Aid Administrative	$ 6,700.00
General Aid	40,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children Administrative	500.00
Aid to Dependent Children	18,000.00
Old Age Assistance Administrative	2,500.00
Old Age Assistance	46,500.00
	$114,200.00

Article 4. On motion of Irving C. Austin it was voted that the sum of $242,440.00 be raised and appropriated for the School Department, divided as follows:

General Salaries	$196,000.00
General Maintenance, including travel outside of state	35,440.00
Industrial Tuition	1,000.00
School Lunches, Cafeterias	10,000.00
	$242,440.00

Article 4. On motion of A. Imrie Dixon it was voted that the sum of nine thousand and twenty-five dollars ($9,025.00) be raised and appropriated for Public Library to be divided as follows:

Salaries	$ 5,550.00
Maintenance	3,475.00
	$ 9,025.00

Article 4. On motion of Clarence C. White it was voted that the sum of ten thousand one hundred ($10,100) dollars be raised and appropriated for Cemeteries, Eight thousand nine hundred ($8,900) dollars to be expended for maintenance, care and development of Laurel Hill Cemetery and One thousand two hundred ($1,200) dollars for maintenance, care and development of Forest Glen Cemetery, including travel outside the State.

Article 4. On motion of Henry R. Johnson it was voted that there be included in the tax levy, for electricity used for street lights, the sum of Fourteen Thousand ($14,000) Dollars, and that said sum and the income from sales of electricity to private consumers and for electricity supplied to municipal buildings, and for municipal power, and from sales of appliances and jobbing during the current fiscal year and rentals from the buildings number 1 Haven and 31-33 High Streets, for the current year, be appropriated for the Municipal Lighting Plant, and that the sum of Twelve Thousand ($12,000) Dollars, be appropriated from the said receipts of the department for the sale, installation and servicing of merchandise, equipment, utensils, and chattels, as provided in Section 34 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws, said appropriations to be expended by the Manager of the Municipal Lighting, under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board, for the expense of the plant, including the sale, installation and servicing of merchandise, equipment, utensils and chattels, as defined in Chapter 164 of the General Laws, or any amendments thereof or additions thereto, and that if said sum of $14,000 together with said rentals and said income shall exceed said expense for said fiscal year, such excess up to the sum of Thirty-five Thousand ($35,000) Dollars shall be turned over to the Town Treasurer, and the balance, if any, together with the unex-

pended balance in the Real Estate Operating Fund of One Thousand Six Hundred Forty-four and 05/100 ($1,644.05) Dollars, shall be transferred to the Construction Fund of said plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may thereafter be authorized by the Municipal Light Board.

Article 4. On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted that six hundred dollars ($600.00) be raised and appropriated for Memorial Day Observance, to be expended under the direction of Post 62, American Legion.

Article 4. On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted that the sum of $4,605.62 be raised and appropriated for Interest, not including Water, Light and Sewer.

Article 4. On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted that the sum of forty-three thousand dollars ($43,000.00) be raised and appropriated for Maturing Debt, not including Water and Light.

Article 4. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the sum of One Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Four Hundred and Ten ($151,410.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the Board of Public Works as follows:

Administrative, Salaries and Office Expenses	$ 6,335.00
Repairs, Construction and Maintenance of Highways, Setting Curb, Purchase or otherwise Acquiring Land for Sand and Gravel Purposes, Purchase of Materials, Tools, and Equipment and any other incidental expenses pertaining thereto	45,375.00
Removal of Snow and Ice	11,200.00
Sidewalk Construction and Maintenance	10,000.00
Maintenance of Storm Drains	3,500.00
Park Department and Common Maintenance and Supervising Play	5,000.00
Drinking Fountains	100.00
Connecting Estates with Common Sewer	1,700.00
Care of Dumps	1,200.00
Maintenance, Operation and Construction of Water Works, Payment of Water Bonds and Interest including Travel Outside the State	55,000.00
Maintenance, Operation and Extension of the Sewer System, Payment of Interest on Sewer Bonds	12,000.00
	$151,410.00

Article 4. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the sum of Seven Thousand ($7,000.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated to be expended by the Board of Public Works for the employment of

labor for the construction and maintenance of highways, sidewalks, drainage, common, parks, water works and sewers.

Article 4. On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted that the sum of eleven thousand four hundred and eighty-seven dollars and forty cents ($11,487.40) be raised and appropriated for Insurance.

Article 4. On motion of J. Warren Killam it was voted that fifteen thousand eight hundred and sixteen dollars ($15,816.00) be raised and appropriated for the Contributory Retirement System, to be divided as follows:

For Pension Accumulation Fund	$ 15,316.00
Expense Fund	300.00
Interest Deficiency Fund	200.00
	$ 15,816.00

On motion of Samuel Davis it was voted to lay Article 4 on the table.

Article 5. On motion of Preston F. Nichols it was voted that the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1942 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one (1) year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one (1) year in accordance with Section 17 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 6. Wendell P. Davis moved that the sum of Forty-five Thousand ($45,000) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of constructing a system of drainage or other works by the State Department of Public Works for suitably draining the low lands located in the Town adjacent to Lake Quannapowitt as provided in Chapter 458 of the Acts of 1939 as most recently amended by Chapter 62 of the Acts of 1941; and to meet said appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen be and he hereby is authorized to borrow Forty-five Thousand ($45,000) Dollars under authority of and in accordance with the provisions of said Chapter 458 of the Acts of 1939 and Chapter 44 of the General Laws, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor payable in not more than ten years from the date thereof, or at such earlier date as the Treasurer and Selectmen may determine, such bonds or notes shall bear on their face the words, "Town of Reading, Drainage Loan Act of 1939," and the Treasurer is further authorized and empowered to pay into the State Treasury said sum of Forty-five Thousand ($45,000) Dollars in accordance with the provisions of said Chapter 458 of the Acts of 1939 and Chapter 62 of the Acts of 1941 and for the purpose herein set forth. Hector Xavier moved to strike out the clause in the motion pertaining to borrowing money; nobody seconded the motion, so the motion was not put to the Town.

The vote was then taken on Wendell P. Davis' motion. This article being a Bond Issue a two thirds vote is necessary. 289 voted in the affirmative, and 1 in the negative.

Article 7. On motion of Leon G. Bent it was voted that the sum of four thousand dollars ($4,000.00) be raised and appropriated for the Reserve Fund.

Article 8. On motion of Preston F. Nichols it was voted that the sum of three hundred dollars ($300.00) be raised and appropriated for the purpose of perfecting titles in the Land Court by foreclosure of all rights of redemption to real estate taken by the Town for non-payment of taxes previous to the year 1940, and the Town Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to take all necessary proceedings to perfect such titles in the Land Court.

Article 24. Samuel H. Davis moved to take up Article 24.

Article 24. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the sum of Eleven Thousand ($11,000.00) Dollars, be raised and appropriated for the purchase of equipment for use by the Board of Public Works.

Article 9. On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted that the sum of six hundred dollars ($600.00) be raised and appropriated for the care of graves of any persons who have served in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States, in time of war or insurrection, and who have been honorably discharged from such services, as provided by Section 22, Chapter 115, General Laws.

Article 10. On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted that the sum of $3,000.00 this being the Town's share of the principal of the Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital Funding Loan, Acts of 1932, bonds maturing in 1939, be and the same is hereby appropriated, and that a further sum of $191.25 be and hereby is appropriated on account of interest and other charges on account thereof. That a further sum of $4,151.50 be and hereby is appropriated for the Town's share of the net cost, of care, maintenance and repairs of the Middlesex County Hospital, including interest on temporary notes issued therefor, in accordance with Sections of Chapter 111 of the General Laws, applicable thereto, including Chapter 400, Section 25G (6) (a) of the Acts of 1936. Total $7,342.75.

On motion of Leon Bent it was voted to amend the motion to read 1941 instead of 1939.

On motion of Samuel H. Davis it was voted to take up Article 15.

Article 15. On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted that the sum of Twenty-five Thousand ($25,000) Dollars be raised and appropriated for W. P. A. expenses including administrative, truck hire, equipment and materials and for the purpose of raising said sum, Sixteen Thousand ($16,000) Dollars thereof shall be included in the current year's tax levy and the Town Treasurer. with the approval of the Board

of Selectmen be and hereby is authorized and empowered to borrow Nine Thousand ($9,000) Dollars, under authority of and in accordance with Chapter 49 of the Acts of 1933 as most recently amended by Chapter 288 of the Acts of 1939 and to issue a note or notes of the Town therefor payable as provided therein.

This being a bond issue a two thirds vote is necessary; 202 having voted in the affirmative, and none in the negative, the motion was carried

Article 22. Irving C. Austin moved that the sum of $9500.00 be raised and appropriated for the transportation of school children for the year 1941, such sum to be expended under the control and direction of the School Committee.

John L. Devaney moved to amend motion to read ($8,000.00), 77 voted in the affirmative and 80 in the negative on John Devaney's motion, it was not carried.

The meeting then voted on the original motion, and same was carried by a voice vote.

On motion of J. Warren Killam it was voted to take up Article 16.

Article 16. On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted that the sum of Three Hundred Eighty-eight ($388) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the preparation and printing of the Street Lists for the year 1941, such sum to be expended under the control of the Board of Selectmen.

J. Warren Killam moved to amend the motion by striking out the amount and inserting ($750.00). This motion was not carried. The meeting then voted on the original motion, and same was carried.

Voted to adjourn at 11:15 p. m. and to meet in Security Hall, Monday, March 17, 1941, at 7:45 p. m.

362 were checked as attending this meeting.

Attest:

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Security Hall, March 17, 1941

Article 13. On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to sell upon such terms and conditions as they may determine, the real estate owned by the Town. situated on the westerly side of School Street and consisting of approximately nine thousand and ten (9,010) square feet of land together with the building thereon known as the Channel House, and that the Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to sign, seal, acknowledge and deliver in the name and behalf of the Town, the deed and such other instruments as may be necessary conveying such property to the purchaser thereof.

On motion of Samuel H. Davis is was voted to take Article 4 from the table.

Article 4. On motion of Wendell P. Davis is was voted that the sum of One Thousand ($1,000.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the Removal of Snow and Ice, such amount to be added to, and expended in accordance with, the appropriation of Eleven Thousand Two Hundred ($11,200.00) Dollars previously voted on March 10, 1941.

Article 4. On motion of Robert S. Ralston it was voted that the additional sum of One Hundred and Sixty Dollars be raised and appropriated for the Registrar's Special Expenses, such amount to be added to and expended in accordance with the appropriation of ($800) previously voted on March 10, 1941.

On motion of Samuel H. Davis it was voted to lay this article on the table.

On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted to take Article 11 from the table.

Article 11. On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted that the devise of real estate under the will of the late Frank G. Jones, be and the same hereby is accepted and the Board of Selectmen are hereby authorized and empowered to execute in the name and behelf of the Town any and all documents which may be necessary in connection therewith.

On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted to take Article 12 from the table.

Article 12. On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to sell on such terms and conditions as they may determine the real estate situated on Line Road and consisting of approximately 19,999 square feet of land together with the frame cottage house thereon being the same premises acquired by the Town by devise under the will of the late Frank G. Jones, and that the Selectmen be and they are further authorized and empowered to sign, seal, acknowledge and deliver in the name and behalf of the Town the deed and such other instruments which may be necessary conveying such property to the purchaser thereof.

Article 17. On motion of Henry R. Johnson it was voted that the subject matter of Article 17 be referred to the Municipal Light Board, and that said Board be, and it hereby is, authorized to install such additional street lights as in its judgment are required and to make such changes in the size, type and location of existing street lights as it may deem advisable, the expense of same to be paid from the income of the plant.

Article 18. Hector Xavier moved to indefinitely postpone Article 18. The motion was defeated on voice vote.

On motion of Henry R. Johnson it was voted that the sum of Ten Thousand ($10,000) Dollars be and the same is raised and appropriated for the extension and enlargement of the Municipal Light Plant by the

construction of an addition to the Municipal Light Garage and Stock room at the Plant on Ash Street and the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen be and he hereby is authorized to borrow for the above purpose the sum of $10,000 in addition to the amount which may be available in the Depreciation Fund, to be expended by the Manager of the Municipal Light Plant under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board, and to issue therefor bonds or notes of the Town in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws andActs amendatory thereof and in addition thereto so that the whole of said loan shall be paid in not more than five years or at such earlier time as the Treasurer and Board of Selectmen may determine and the said bonds or notes shall be signed by the Treasurer and counter-signed by the Selectmen.

This being a bond issue a two-thirds vote was necessary, 132 voted in the affirmative and 6 voted in the negative, the motion was carried.

Article 19. On motion of Henry R. Johnson it was voted that the Municipal Light Board be authorized and empowered to extend and enlarge the Municipal Light Plant by the extension of the underground system by the installation of cables, switches and transformers in the underground ducts on High and Lowell Streets and to connect street light posts and services therewith and that there be raised and appropriated for the above purpose the sum of Twenty-one Thousand ($21,000) Dollars in addition to the amount which may be available in the Depreciation Fund, to be expended by the Manager of Municipal Lighting under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board for the above purpose; and that the Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized and directed with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow said sum of ($21,000) and to issue therefor bonds or notes of the Town, such bonds or notes to be payable in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws and all amendments thereof and additions thereto, so that the whole loan shall be payable in not more than seven years from date of the first bond or note issued or at such earlier date as the Treasurer and Board of Selectmen may determine.

This being a bond issue a two thirds vote was necessary, 90 voted in the affirmative and (0) none in the negative, the motion was carried.

Article 20. On motion of Henry R. Johnson it was voted that the Municipal Light Board be authorized and empowered to extend and enlarge the Municipal Light Plant by the installation of underground ducts and cables including the necessary manholes and service connections and remove the overhead distribution wires on the following streets: Lincoln Street, Prescott Street, Summer Avenue, and Temple Street, and that there be raised and appropriated the sum of Five Thousand ($5,000) Dollars for the purchase of materials and equipment

necessary for the above purposes, such appropriation to be used in co-operation with the Federal Government for a W. P. A. Project and to be expended by the Manager of the Municipal Light Plant under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board and that the Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized and empowered with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow said sum of $5,000 and to issue therefor bonds or notes of the Town, such bonds or notes to be payable in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws and all amendments thereof and additions thereto so that the whole loan shall be payable in not more than five years from the date of the first bond and note issued, or at such earlier date as the Treasurer and Selectmen may determine.

This being a bond issue a two thirds vote was necessary, 91 voted in the affirmative and none (0) in the negative the motion was carried.

Article 21. On motion of Clarence C. White it was voted that the Town appropriate from the Cemetery Reserve Fund receipts from the sale of lots and graves in Laurel Hill Cemetery and Forest Glen Cemetery the sum of Twelve hundred and fifty ($1,250) Dollars; Nine hundred and fifty ($950) Dollars for the maintenance, care, improvement and embellishment of Laurel Hill Cemetery, and Three hundred ($300) Dollars for the maintenance, care, improvement and embellishment of Forest Glen Cemetery, under the provisions of Section 15 of Chapter 114 of the General Laws.

Article 23. On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted that the Board of Health be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to enter into a contract in behalf of the Town for the collection and disposal of garbage for the term of three years and upon such other and further terms and conditions as they may determine and that the sum of Twenty-five hundred ($2,500) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the first year on the term of such contract.

Article 25. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the sum of Eight Thousand ($8,000) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the further development of Storm Water Drainage.

Article 26. Wendell P. Davis moved that the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred ($1,500) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of improving and resurfacing the Mineral Street Bridge.

Walter E. Hawkes moved that the motion be amended to read as follows: that the sum of Six Thousand Five Hundred ($6,500.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of resurfacing the Mineral Street Bridge and the constsruction of an overhanging sidewalk on the Mineral Street Bridge.

John L. Devaney moved to indefinitely postpone Article 26, this motion was not carried.

Philip H. Welch moved to amend the motion by Walter E. Hawkes

by striking out the word "on" and inserting the words "adjacent to".

On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted to lay Article 26 on the table.

Article 27. Hector Xavier moved to indefinitely postpone Article 27, this was not seconded, so could not be put to the voters.

On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred ($4,500.00) be raised and appropriated for the purpose of improving and constructing Lowell Street, from High Street, toward Reading Square together with such sums as may be allotted by the State and County, under Section 34, Chapter 90 of the General Laws.

Article 28. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred ($4,500.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of improving and constructing Charles Street from Main Street toward Haverhill Street together with such sums as may be allotted by the State and County under Section 34 Chapter 90 of the General Laws.

Article 29. Herbert Woolridge moved to lay Article 29 on the Table, this was not voted.

On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that,

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Town of Reading

Middlesex, ss.

Report of the Board of Public Works on the Relocation or Alteration of the Southeasterly Corner of Green Street and High Street.

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading, having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require that the public highways be laid out, relocated or altered as and in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to owners of land thereof, and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing, and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard have laid out, relocated or altered as public highways for the use of the Town, the Southeasterly corner of Green Street and High Street. The boundaries and measurements of said public highways as so laid out, relocated or altered are as follows:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the North-Easterly sideline of High Street with the Southerly side line of Green Street, said point of intersection being S. 48° - 40' E. a distance of 77.60 feet from a Stone Bound set at the intersection of the Northerly side line of said Green Street with the said North Easterly side line of High Street;

Thence N. 78° - 24' E., along the said Southerly sideline of Green Street, a distance of 14.06 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line West to South, through lands of said Ida

Wolpert, having a radius of 7.0 feet, a length of 15.52 feet to a point of tangent on the said North Easterly side line of High Street;

Thence N. 48° - 40' W. along said North Easterly side line of High Street, a distance of 14.06 feet to the point of beginning.

The approximate area taken is forty-four (44) square feet.

The above described lines being more fully shown on a Plan entitled "Alteration of the Southeasterly Corner of Green Street and High Street, Reading, Mass." dated January, 1941. Board of Public Works, Philip Welch, Supt., said Plan being a part of this description.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement.

No betterments are to be assessed for this improvement. This laying out, relocation or alteration so made by us, we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that when this report is accepted and adopted by the Town, that said public highways shall therefore be laid out, relocated or altered in accordance with said plan.

WENDELL P. DAVIS, Chairman
ALEXANDER WILLIAMSON
ALEX LINDSAY

Members of the Board of Public Works, Town of Reading.

On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted, that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the relocating or altering of a portion of the location lines of Green Street and High Street at their terminus at the Southeasterly corner of Green Street and High Street, and adopt the recommendations contained therein.

Article 40. On motion of J. Warren Killam it was voted to take up Article 40.

On motion of Ralph W. Allen it was voted that a committee consisting of seven members be appointed by the Moderator for the purpose of studying the advisability of the Town adopting the representative form of town meeting government and that such committee report at the Annual Town Meeting to be held in March 1942 or at any Special Town Meeting held prior thereto.

Article 30.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss. Town of Reading

Report of the Board of Public Works on the Relocation or Alteration of the Southwest Corner of Washington Street and Prescott Street.

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading, having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require that the public highways be laid out, relocated or altered as and in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements

of law relating to notice to owners of land there of, and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing, and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard have laid out, relocated or altered as public highways for the use of the Town, the Southwest corner of Washington Street and Prescott Street. The boundaries and measurements of said public highways as so laid out, relocated or altered are as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Southerly side line of said Prescott Street, said point being N. 70° - 44' - 00" E., a distance of 455.89 feet measured along said Southerly side line of Prescott Street from a stone bound set at the intersection of the Southerly side line of Prescott Street with the Easterly side line of Sunnyside Avenue;

Thence N. 70° - 44' - 00" E., by said Southerly side line of said Prescott Street, a distance of 24.04 feet to the present point of intersection of the Westerly side line of said Washington Street with said Southerly side line of said Prescott Street, with said point being S. 70° - 44' - 00" W., a distance of 631.14 feet measured along said Southerly side line of Prescott Street, from a stone bound set at the intersection of said Southerly side line of Prescott Street with the Westerly side line of Lincoln Street.

Thence S. 21° - 46' - 00" E., by said Westerly side line of said Washington Street, a distance of 7.60 feet to a stone bound set at an angle point in said Westerly side line of Washington Street;

Thence turning and running N. 25° - 48' - 00" W. through lands of the Trustees of the Old South Methodist Episcopal Church in Reading, Mass., a distance of 70.25 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the left, having a radius of 20.0 feet, and still through lands of said Trustees of the Old South Methodist Episcopal Church in Reading, Mass., a length of 29.14 feet to the said Southerly side line of said Prescott Street at the point of beginning.

The approximate area taken is three hundred and thirty seven (337) square feet.

The above described lines being more fully shown on a Plan entitled "Alteration of the Southwest corner of Washington Street and Prescott Street, Reading, Mass., dated January, 1941. Board of Public Works, Philip Welch, Supt., said Plan being a part of this description."

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement.

No betterments are to be assessed for this improvement.

This laying out, relocation or alteration so made by us, we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that when this report is accepted and adopted by the Town that said public highways

shall therefore be laid out, relocated or altered in accordance with said plan.

WENDELL P. DAVIS
HAROLD W. PUTNAM
ALEX LINDSAY
ALEXANDER WILLIAMSON

Members of the Board of Public Works, Town of Reading.

On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the relocating or altering of a portion of the location lines of Prescott Street and Washington Street at their terminus at the Southwesterly corner of Prescott Street and Washington Street, and adopt the recommendations contained therein.

Article 31.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss. Town of Reading

Report of the Board of Public Works on the Relocation or Alteration of the Southwest Corner of John Street and Union Street.

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading, having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require that the public highways be laid out, relocated or altered as and in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of the law relating to notice to owners of land thereof, and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing, and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard have laid out, relocated or altered as public highways for the use of the Town, the Southwest corner of John Street and Union Street. The boundaries and measurements of said public highways as so laid out, relocated or altered are as follows:

Beginning at a Stone Bound set in the Southerly side line of said Union street, said bound being S. 86° - 00' - 00", E. measured along said Southerly side line of Union Street a distance of 202.59 feet from a Stone Bound set at the intersection of the Easterly side line of Middle Street with the said Southerly side line of Union Street.,

Thence S. 86° - 00' - 00" E., by said Southerly side line of said Union Street, a distance of 24.64 feet to the present point of intersection of the Westerly side line of said John Street with said Southerly side line of Union Street.,

Thence S. 22° - 44' - 00" E., by said Westerly side line of John Street, a distance of 24.64 feet to a Stone Bound.,

Thence by a curved line North to West, having a radius of 40.0 feet, and through lands of The Inhabitants of the Town of Reading, a length of 44.17 feet to the said Southerly side line of said Union Street at the point of beginning.

The approximate area taken is one hundred and two (102) square feet.

The above described lines being more fully shown on a Plan entitled "Alteration of the Southwest Corner of John Street and Union Street, Reading, Mass.," dated January 1941. Board of Public Works, Philip Welch, Supt., said Plan being a part of this description. We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement.

No betterments are to be assessed for this improvement.

This laying out, relocation or alteration so made by us, we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that when this report is accepted and adopted by the Town, that said public highways shall therefore be laid out, relocated or altered in accordance with said plan.

WENDELL P. DAVIS, Chairman
HAROLD W. PUTNAM, Secretary
ALEX LINDSAY
ALEXANDER WILLIAMSON
Members of the Board of Public Works

On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the relocating or altering of a portion of the location lines of John Street and Union Street at their terminus at the Southwesterly corner of John Street and Union Street, and adopt the recommendations contained therein. Article 32.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss. Town of Reading

Report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out of a portion of Coolidge Road.

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require the laying out of a town way under the provisions of law authorizing the assessments of betterments, substantially in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to the owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have laid out as a town way for the use of the town running Northwesterly from Wescroft Road to a point North of Springvale Road, substantially as and in the location of a portion of the private way known as Coolidge Road, the boundaries and measurements of said way as so laid out are as follows:

The Southerly line of this layout commences at a point at the intersection of the South-Easterly terminus of the Easterly side line of said Coolidge Road and the Northerly side line of said Wescroft Road, said point being S. 13° - 15' - 40" E., 6.39 feet, S. 68° - 32' - 40" W., 85.0 feet, and N. 21° - 27' - 20" W., 20.0 feet from a Stone Bound set at the Southerly terminus of a curved line in the Westerly line of said West Street having a radius of 875.00 feet,

Thense S. 68° - 32' - 40" W., by the Northerly side line of said Wescroft Road, a distance of 400.00 feet to a point,

Thence turning and running in an Easterly and Northerly direction, by a curved line in the Westerly side line of said Coolidge Road having a radius of 180.0 feet, and by lands of George P. McSheehy and George W. Page, Trustee of the Wescroft Developing Trust, a length of 282.74 feet to a point of tangent.

Thence N. 21° - 27' - 20" W., by the Easterly terminus of Springvale Road and by other lands of said Trustees, a distance of 100.0 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running N. 68° - 32 ' - 40", E., a distance of 40.0 feet to a point, this line being the Northerly terminus of this layout;

Thence turning and running S. 21° - 27' - 20" E., by other lands of said Trustees, and by lands of Norman H. Thompson and Elsie E. Thompson, a distance of 100.0 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line running in a Southerly and Easterly direction in the Easterly side line of this layout, having a radius of 180.0 feet, still by lands of said Thompson & ux, by lands of George W. Page and Phyllis Page, and other lands of said Trustees a length of 282.74 feet to the point of beginning.

The above described lines being more fully shown on a Plan entitled "Coolidge Road," Reading, Mass., February 1941, Board of Public Works, Philip Welch Superintendent said Plan being a part of this description.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement. All acts in connection with said laying out are done under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, and betterments are to be assessed therefor.

This laying out so made by us, we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that said way shall thereafter be known as a Public Town Way and named Coolidge Road, and that the sum of twelve hundred and eight-one ($1281.00) dollars be raised and ap-

propriated for said laying out and for the construction of said way.

WENDELL P. DAVIS, Chairman
HAROLD W. PUTNAM, Secretary
EDWARD A. BROPHY
ALEX LINDSAY
ALEXANDER WILLIAMSON
Members of the Board of Public Works, Town of Reading

On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted to accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out as a public way of a private way known as Coolidge Road, and adopt the recommendations contained therein, and that the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Eighty One ($1,281.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the laying out and construction of the said way.

Article 26. On motion of Victor E. Pitkin it was voted to take this Article from the table.

On motion of John Devaney it was voted that the sum of ($250.00) Two Hundred Fifty Dollars be raised and appropriated to be used by the Board of Public Works for the preparation of plans for the improvement of the Mineral Street Bridge, including in such plans a provision for a sidewalk thereon.

Article 41. On motion of Frank A. Gallagher it was voted to take up Article 41.

On motion of Richard A. Skane it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized to secure as suitable headquarters for Reading Post 62 of the American Legion, the premises situated on the Westerly side of Ash Street known as Victory House and that the sum of Fifteen Hundred ($1500) Dollars be raised and appropriated as rent for such premises for the year 1941.

Article 33.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss. Town of Reading

Report of the Board of Public Works on the Laying Out of Springvale Road.

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require the laying out of a town way under the provisions of law authorizing the assessments of betterments, substantially in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to the owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have laid

out as a town way for the use of the town, running southwesterly from Coolidge Road to Overlook (Private) Road, substantially as and in location of the private way known as Springvale Road, the boundaries and measurements of said way as so laid are as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Westerly side line of Coolidge Road, said point being located at the Northerly terminus of a curved line in said Westerly side line of Coolidge Road, having a radius of 180.0 feet and a total length of 282.74 feet.

Thence by a curved line North to West, having a radius of 20.0 feet, and by lands of George P. McSheehy, and George W. Page, Trustees of the Wescroft Developing Trust, a length of 31.42 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence S. 68° - 32' - 40" W., still by lands of said Trustees, a distance of 1080.0 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, having a radius of 20.0 feet still by said Trustees' land, a length of 31.42 feet to a point on the Easterly side line of said Overlook Private Road;

Thence N. 21° - 27' - 20" W., by the said Easterly side line of Overlook (Private) Road, a distance of 80.0 feet to a point;

Thence by a curve line South to East, having a radius of 20.0 feet by other lands of said Trustees', a length of 31.42 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence N. 68° - 32' - 40" E., still by lands of said Trustees a distance of 1080.0 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the left, having a radius of 20.0 feet, still by lands of said Trustees' a length of 31.42 feet to a point on the Westerly side line of said Coolidge Road;

Thence S. 21° - 27' - 20" E., by said Westerly side line of Coolidge Road, a distance of 80.0 feet to the point of beginning.

The above described lines being more fully shown on a Plan entitled "Springvale Road," Reading, Mass., dated February, 1941, Board of Public Works, Philip Welch, Supt., said Plan being a part of this description.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement. All acts in connection with said laying out are done under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, and betterments are to be assessed therefor.

This laying out so made by us, we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that said way shall thereafter be known as a Public Town Way and named Springvale Road, and that the sum

of Twenty-five hundred and sixty-eight ($2,568.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for said laying out and for the construction of said way.

WENDELL P. DAVIS
HAROLD W. PUTNAM
EDWARD A. BROPHY
ALEX LINDSAY
ALEXANDER WILLIAMSON
Members of the Board of Public Works, Reading

On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out as a public way of a private way known as Springvale Road, and adopt the recommendations contained therein, and that the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Eight ($2,568.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the laying out and construction of the said way.

Article 34.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex ss. Town of Reading

Report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out of County Road.

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require the laying out of a town way under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, substantially in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to the owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have laid out as a town way for the use of the town running South-Easterly from the Southerly terminus of County Road and the Westerly terminus of Howard Street as accepted as public town ways at a town meeting held March 19, 1934, substantially as and in the location of a portion of the private way known as Old County Road, the boundaries and measurements of said way as so laid out are as follows:

Beginning at the Southwesterly extremity of County Road as accepted March 19, 1934 as previously mentioned herein;

Thence the Westerly side line of this layout runs S. 14° - 42' - 40" E., through lands of Merle W. Farr, a distance of 265.44 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running N. 75° - 17' - 20" E., still through lands of said Farr, and through lands of Ruth E. Matthews the Southerly line of this layout runs a distance of 400 feet to a point situated in land of said Mathews;

Thence turning and running N. 14° - 42' - 40" W., still through lands of said Mathews, a distance of 161.46 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Right, having a radius of 114.51 feet, still through and by lands of said Mathews, a length of 99.85 feet to the beginning of another curved line;

Thence S. 80° - 42' - 20" W., by the Southerly terminus of County Road as accepted aforesaid, a distance of 40.0 feet to the point of beginning.

The above described lines being more fully shown on a Plan entitled "County Road," Reading, Mass., dated February, 1941. Board of Public Works, Philip Welch, Supt., said Plan being a part of this description.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement. All acts in connection with said laying out are done under the provision of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, and betterments are to be assessed therefor.

This laying out so made by us, we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that said way shall thereafter be known as a public Town Way and named County Road, and that the sum of Five Hundred and Ten ($510.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for said laying out and for the construction of said way.

WENDELL P. DAVIS, Chairman
HAROLD W. PUTNAM, Secretary
ALEX LINDSAY
EDWARD A. BROPHY
ALEXANDER WILLIAMSON
Members of the Board of Public Works, Town of Reading

On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out as a public way of a private way known as County Road, and adopt the recommendation contained therein, and that the sum of Five Hundred Ten ($510.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the laying out and construction of the said way.

Article 35.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss. Town of Reading

Report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out of Pilgrim Road. The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require the laying out of a town way under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, substantially in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to the owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such

hearing and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have laid out as a town way for the use of the town running Southwesterly from the existing town way known as Lowell Street to Bradford (Private) Road, substantially as and in the location of the private way known as Pilgrim Road, the boundaries and measurements of said way as so laid out are as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Southwesterly side line of said Lowell Street, said point being N. 49° - 11' - 00" W., a distance of 204.66 feet measured along said Southwesterly side line of Lowell Street from a County Stone Bound;

Thence by a curved line West to South, having a radius of 20.0 feet by lands of Fred E. Hersom Jr. and Lena A. Hersom, a length of 31.42 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence S. 40° - 49' - 00" W., still by lands of said Fred E. Hersom Jr. and Lena A. Hersom and by lands of Sidney M. Dunningham and Hazel N. Dunningham, Harry C. Irons and Merle R. Irons, a private way known as Street No. 8, and lands of Ragnar Johnson, a distance of 432.70 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, having a radius of 30.0 feet, by lands of said Ragnar Johnson, a length of 38.05 feet to a point on the Northeasterly side line of said Bradford (Private) Road;

Thence turning and running N. 31° - 51' - 50" W., along said Northeasterly side line of Bradford (Private) Road, a distance of 91.15 feet to a point;

Thence by a curved line South to East, having a radius of 20.0 feet and by lands of Arnold M. Westrum, a length of 37.46 feet to a point;

Thence N. 40° - 49' - 00" E., still by lands of said Arnold M. Westrum, and by lands of Royce C. McNamara and Eleanor C. McNamara, Alveird H. Parker and Gertrude T. Parker, S. William Swain, and Forest T. Benton and M. Elizabeth Benton, a distance of 415.12 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, having a radius of 20.0 feet, and still by lands of said Benton & ux, a length of 31.42 feet to a point on the said Southwesterly side line of Lowell Street.

Thence S. 49° - 11' - 00" E., along said Southwesterly side line of Lowell Street, a distance of 80.0 feet to the point of beginning. The above described lines being more fully shown on a Plan entitled, "Pilgrim Road, Reading, Mass." dated January, 1941, Board of Public Works. Philip Welch, Supt., said Plan being a part of this description. We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement. All acts in connection with said laying out are done under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of bet-

terments, and betterments are to be assessed therefor. This laying out so made by us we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that said way shall thereafter be known as a public town way and named Pilgrim Road, and that the sum of eight hundred eighty-one ($881.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for said laying out and for the construction of said way.

WENDELL P. DAVIS, Chairman
ALEX LINDSAY
ALEXANDER WILLIAMSON
EDWARD A. BROPHY
HAROLD W. PUTNAM, Secretary

Members of the Board of Public Works, Town of Reading

On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out as a public way of a private way known as Pilgrim Road, and adopt the recommendations contained therein and that the sum of Eight Hundred Eighty-one ($881.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the laying out and construction of the said way.

Article 36.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss. Town of Reading

Report of the Board of Public Works on the Laying Out of Bond Street. The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require the laying out of a town way under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, substantially in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to the owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons who desired to be heard have laid out as a town way for the use of the town running Westerly and Southeasterly from High Street to Lowell Street to the Northerly terminus of a public town way known as Bond Street as accepted March 17. 1930, substantially as and in the location of the private way known as Bond Street Extension, the boundaries and measurements of said way so laid out are as follows: Beginning at a Stone Bound set in the Westerly side line of said High Street, at the Southerly terminus of a curved line and in said Westerly side line of said High Street having a radius of 470.00 feet and a total length of 185.72 feet;

Thence S. 23° - 18' - 20" E., still by said Westerly side line of High Street, a distance of 15.24 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line running North and West, having a radius of 25.0 feet and by lands of Martin B. Hartshorn, a length of 45.81 feet to a point tangent;

Thence S. 51° - 41' - 40" W., still by lands of said Hartshorn a distance of 130.74 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, having a radius of 85.58 feet, still by said Hartshorn's land, a length of 128.90 feet to a point of reverse curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Right, having a radius of 260.0 feet, and still by lands of said Hartshorn, a length of 100.0 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence S. 12° - 34' E., still by lands of said Hartshorn and by lands of Royal C. Jaques, Trustee of the Jaques Building Trust, a distance of 72.01 feet to a Stone Bound marking the Northeasterly terminus of Bond Street as accepted March 17, 1930;

Thence S. 80° - 19' W., by the Northerly terminus of Bond Street as so accepted, a distance of 40.05 feet to a Stone Bound Set at the Northeasterly terminus thereof.

The next five courses defining the Westerly and Northerly side lines of the layout, are all by other lands of said Martin B. Hartshorn;

Thence N. 12° - 34' W., a distance of 70.0 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, having a radius of 220 feet, a length of 84.61 feet to a point of reverse curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Right, having a radius of 125.58 feet, a length of 189.15 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence N. 51° - 41' - 40" E., a distance of 142.56 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, having a radius of 30.08 feet a length of 44.86 feet to a point on the said Easterly side line of High Street;

Thence by a curved line in a Southerly direction having a radius of 470.0 feet, by said Easterly Side line of High Street, a length of 103.07 feet to the Stone Bound previously herein described at the point of beginning. The above described lines being more fully shown on a Plan entitled "Bond Street, Reading, Mass.," dated February 1941, Board of Public Works, Philip Welch, Supt., said plan being a part of this description. We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement.

All acts in connection with said laying out are done under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, and betterments are to be assessed therefor.

This laying out so made by us, we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend said way shall thereafter be known as a Public Town Way and named Bond Street, and that the sum of thir-

teen hundred ($1,300.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for said laying out and for the construction of said way.

WENDELL P. DAVIS, Chairman
HAROLD W. PUTNAM, Secretary
EDWARD A. BROPHY
ALEXANDER WILLIAMSON
ALEX LINDSAY

Members of the Board of Public Works for the Town of Reading

On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out as a public way of a private way known as Bond Street, and adopt the recommendations contained therein, and that the sum of One Thousand Three Hundred ($1,300.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the laying out and construction of said way.

Article 37.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex ss.

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require the laying out of a town way under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, substantially in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to the owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have laid out as a town way for the use of the town running in a semi-circle off West Street, starting Easterly of No. 454 West Street, thence running Southerly, Westerly and Northerly to a point again on West Street, Westerly of No. 458 West Street, substantially as and in the location of the private way known as West Hill Circle, the boundaries and measurements of said way as so laid out are as follows:

The interior side line of said West Hill Circle commences at a point on the Southerly side line of said West Street, said point being N. 67° - 00' W., a distance of 53.80 feet from a stone bound marking an angle in said West Street;

From thence the said Interior line runs with a curve to the Left on a radius of 20.00 feet by lands of Stanley C. Converse and Alice N. Converse, a length of 27.23 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence S. 35° - 00' W., still by lands of said Converse & ux and lands of William H. Kelch, a distance of 150.25 feet to a point of curve;

Thence on a curve to the Left on a radius of 21.74 feet still by lands of said Kelch, a distance of 33.94 feet to a point of tangent and the beginning of another curve;

Thence on a curve to the left on a radius of 190.00 feet still by lands of Kelch, a length of 99.48 feet to a point of tangent and the beginning of another curve;

Thence on a curve to the Left on a radius of 62.38 feet, still by land of said Kelch, a length of 54.44 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence N. 45° - 32' - 30" E., still by lands of said Kelch, a distance of 135.94 feet to a point of curve;

Thence on a curve to the Left on a radius of 19.20 feet, still by said Kelch's land, a length of 37.80 feet to a point of tangent on the said southerly side line of West Street, said point being the terminus of the inside line of said West Hill Circle, and being S. 68° - 54' - 42" E., a distance of 19.00 feet from a stone bound marking a beginning of a curve in the said southerly side line of West Street as relocated by the Board of Public Works under the date of February, 1939, and approved March 3, 1939.

All as shown on Plan of said relocation duly recorded in the office of the Board of Public Works;

Thence following the southerly line of said West Street Southeasterly as relocated as above on a radius of 330.00 feet a length of 88.18 feet to a point of curve and the beginning of the exterior line of said West Hill Circle;

Thence on a curved line West to South having a radius of 20.52 feet by other lands of said Kelch, a length of 29.55 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence S. 45° - 32' - 30" W., still by said Kelch's land a distance of 156.97 feet to a point of curve;

Thence on a curve to the Right on a radius of 102.38 feet still by land of Kelch, a length of 89.34 feet to a point of tangent and the beginning of another curve;

Thence on a curve to the Right on a radius of 230.00 feet still by lands of Kelch, a length of 120.43 feet to a point of tangent and the beginning of another curve;

Thence on a curve to the Right on a radius of 61.74 feet still by lands of said Kelch, a length of 96.40 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence N. 35° - 00' E., still by lands of said Kelch and lands of Edward F. Strunk, and Margaret V. Strunk, a distance of 133.25 feet to a point of curve;

Thence on a curve to the Left on a radius of 20.00 feet, still by lands of said Strunk et ux a length of 35.60 feet to a point of tangent on the southerly side line of West Street;

Thence S. 67° - 00' E., by the Southerly side line of said West Street, a distance of 81.79 feet to the point of beginning.

The above described lines being more fully shown on a Plan entitled "West Hill Circle, Reading, Mass.," dated February 1941, Board of Public Works, Philip Welch, Supt., said Plan being a part of this description.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement. All acts in connection with said laying out are done under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, and betterments are to be assessed therefor.

This laying out so made by us, we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that said way shall thereafter be known as a Public Town Way and named West Hill Circle, and that the sum of eight hundred and ninety-one ($891.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the said laying out and for the construction of said wayy.

WENDELL P. DAVIS, Chairman
HAROLD W. PUTNAM, Secretary
EDWARD A. BROPHY
ALEX LINDSAY
ALEXANDER WILLIAMSON
Members of the Board of Public Works for the Town of Reading

On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out as a public way of a private way known as West Hill Circle, and adopt the recommendations contained therein, and that the sum of Eight Hundred ninety-one ($891.00) be raised and appropriated for the laying out and construction of the said way.

Article 38.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss. Town of Reading

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require the laying out of a town way under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, substantially in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to the owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have laid out as a town way for the use of the Town running in a Southeasterly direction from West Street, slightly north of Woburn Street, to County Road, substantially as and in the location of the private way known as Westcroft Road, the boundaries and measurements of said way as so laid out are as follows:

Beginning at a point in the Westerly side line of West Street,

said point being N. 13° - 15' - 40" W., measured along said Westerly side line of West Street a distance of 59.31 feet from a Stone Bound set at the Northerly terminus of a curved line having a radius of 287.64 feet and a length of 75.71 feet;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, having a radius of 20.0 feet, by lands of George P. McSheehy and George W. Page, Trustees of the Westcroft Development Trust, a length of 34.23 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence S. 68° - 32' - 40" W., still by said Trustees' land by lands of William A. Welch and Harriett T. Welch, Paul H. Miner and Gladys D. Miner, Lee T. Johnson, Bertha B. Reynolds and Frances K. Reynolds, and other lands of said Trustees, a distance of 1,584.62 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left having a radius of 20.0 feet, still by said Trustees' land, a length of 33.55 feet to a point on the Easterly side line of said County Road;

Thence in a Northwesterly direction. along said Easterly side line of County Road and by a curved line in said Easterly side line having a radius of 600.00 feet, a length of 36.67 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence N. 31° - 04' - 40" W., still by said Easterly side line of County Road, a distance of 37.18 feet to a point;

Thence by a curved line South to East, having a radius of 20.0 feet by other lands of said McSheehy and Page, Trustees, a length of 28.06 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence N. 68° - 32' - 40" E., still by other lands of said Trustees, by the Southerly terminus of a Private Way known as Overlook Road, by other lands of said Trustees by the Southerly terminus of Coolidge Road, and by other lands of said Trustees, a distance of 1,609.10 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, having a radius of 20.0 feet, still by lands of said Trustees a length of 27.86 feet to a point on the Westerly side line of said West Street;

Thence in a Southerly direction, by a curved line in said Westerly side line of West Street having a radius of 875.0 feet, a length of 30.54 feet to a Stone Bound set at the Southerly terminus of said 875.0 feet radius curve;

Thence S. 13° - 15' - 40" E., still by said Westerly side line of West Street, a distance of 49.69 feet to the point of beginning.

The above described lines being more fully shown on a Plan entitled Westcroft Road, Reading, Mass., dated February 1941, Board of Public Works, Philip Welch, Supt., said plan being a part of this description.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this

improvement. All acts in connection with the said laying out are done under the provisions of law authorizing the assessments of betterments, and betterments are to be assessed therefor.

This laying out so made by us we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that said way shall thereafter be known as a Public Town Way and named Westcroft Road, and that the sum of three thousand eight hundred and twenty two ($3,822.00) be raised and appropriated for said laying out and for the construction of the said way.

WENDELL P. DAVIS, Chairman
HAROLD W. PUTNAM, Secretary
EDWARD A. BROPHY
ALEX LINDSAY
ALEXANDER WILLIAMSON

Members of the Board of Public Works, Town of Reading, Mass.

On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out of a private way as a public way known as Westcroft Road, and adopt the recommendations contained therein, and that the sum of Three Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-two ($3,822.00) be raised and appropriated for the laying out and construction of said way.

Article 39.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex ss. Town of Reading

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require that the public ways be laid out, relocated or altered as and in the location hereafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to owners of land thereof, and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing, and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard have laid out, relocated or altered as public highways for the use of the Town the Intersection of Highland Street, and Bancroft Avenue. The boundaries and measurements of said public highways as so laid out, relocated or altered are as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Westerly side line of said Highland Street, said point being N. 26' - 47" W., measured along said Westerly side line of Highland Street, a distance of 115.33 feet from a Stone Bound set in said Westerly side line of Highland Street at the Easterly terminus of the division line between lands of E. Vernon Sillars and land now or formerly of Home Owners Loan Corp;

Thence by a curve line North, West and South having a radius of 14.50 feet, and through lands of said E. Vernon Sillars, a length of

38.36 feet, to a point of tangent on the Easterly side line of Bancroft Avenue, said point being N. 1' - 39" E., measured along said Easterly side line of Bancroft Avenue, a distance of 120.43 feet from a Stone Bound set in said Easterly side line of Bancroft Avenue at the Westerly terminus of the division line between lands of said Sillars and lands now or formerly of Home Owners Loan Corp.;

Thence N. 1' - 39", along said Easterly side line of Bancroft Avenue, a distance of 39.02 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running N. 81' - 27" E., still by lands of said Sillars, a distance of 9.13 feet to a point on the Westerly side line of said Highland Street;

Thence S. 26' - 47" E., along said Westerly side line of Highland Street, a distance of 38.36 feet to the point of beginning.

The approximate area taken is four hundred eighty (480) square feet.

The above described line being more fully shown on a Plan entitled "Alteration of the Intersection of Highland Street and Bancroft Avenue, Reading, Mass., dated February, 1941. Board of Public Works, Philip Welch, Supt." said Plan being a part of this description.

We award damages sustained by reason of this taking for this alteration and relocation to E. Vernon Sillars in the sum of Fifty Dollars.

No betterments are to be assured for the improvement.

This laying out, relocation or alteration so made by us, we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that when this report is accepted and adopted by the Town, that said public highways shall therefore be laid out, relocated or altered in accordance with said plan, and that the sum of fifty ($50.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for the said laying out, alteration and construction of the intersection of said ways.

WENDELL P. DAVIS, Chairman
HAROLD W. PUTNAM, Secretary
ALEX LINDSAY
EDWARD A. BROPHY
ALEXANDER WILLIAMSON

Members of the Board of Public Works, Town of Reading, Mass.

This being a land taking it requires a two-thirds vote, 80 voted in the affirmative and none in the negative.

Article 42. On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted that the sum of three hundred dollars ($300.00) be raised and appropriated for the further development of the Town Forest.

Article 43. On motion of Leon G. Bent it was voted that the sum of four hundred dollars ($400.00) be raised and appropriated for Child

Welfare Work, to be expended under the direction of the Reading Visiting Nurse Association and the Board of Health.

Article 44. On motion of Hugh L. Eames it was voted that the By-Laws for the Construction of Buildings be and the same are hereby amended by inserting at the end of Section 36 a new section to be known as Section 36a as follows:

"Section 36a. New roof covering, regardless of type or composition, shall not be laid over existing wood shingles. All existing wood shingles must be removed before new roofing is laid. Fire resisting roof covering may be placed over fire resisting roofing provided the existing fire resisting roofing has not been laid over wood shingles."

On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted to take Article 2 from the table.

On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted to indefinitely postpone Article 2.

On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted to take Article 3 from the table.

On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted to indefinitely postpone Article 3.

On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted to take Article 4 from the table.

On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted to indefinitely postpone Article 4.

On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted to adjourn at 10.15 P. M. 114 Males and 22 Females. Total of 136 were checked at this adjourned Town Meeting.

Sine Die
NORMAN P. CHARLES,
Town Clerk.

APPROVAL OF BY-LAW AMENDMENT

Reading, Massachusetts
March 24, 1941

The following amendment and addition to the By-Law for the Construction of Buildings of the Town of Reading was duly adopted at the adjourned Annual Town Meeting duly called, warned and held on March 17, 1941.

On motion of Hugh L. Eames it was voted that the By-Law for the Construction of Buildings be amended by adding at the end of Section 36, the following new section to be known as Section 36a.

"Section 36a. New roof covering, regardless of type or composition, shall not be laid over existing wood shingles. All existing wood shingles must be removed before new roofing is laid. Fire resisting roof covering may be placed over fire resisting roofing provided the existing fire resisting roofing has not been laid over wood shingles."

Attest: NORMAN P. CHARLES,
Clerk of the Town of Reading.

Town Seal
Approved by the Attorney General.
Boston, Mass., April 3, 1941.
The above amendment to by-law is hereby approved.
Robert T. Bushnell, Attorney General.

The Committee appointed by the Moderator, Charles P. Howard to study and report on the question of Adopting a Limited Form of Town Meeting is as follows:

Mr. Ralph W. Allen — Mr. Newell H. Morton
Mr. James H. Fleming — Mrs. Ralph W. Smith
Mr. Joseph D. Knight — Mr. Frederick L. Springford
Mr. Frank D. Tanner

The Committee to make plans for the Tercentenary Celebration for the Town is as follows:

Mr. Clinton L. Bancroft — Mrs. H. Raymond Johnson
Mr. John L. Devaney — Mr. Edward F. Parker
Mr. Winthrop D. Parker

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Town Warrant

Seal

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To either of the Constables of the Town of Reading, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in Security Hall, Woburn Street, in said Reading on Monday, June twenty-third, A. D. 1941 at seven forty-five o'clock in the evening, to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of Town Officers and special committees and to choose all necessary committees and determine what instructions if any, shall be given Town Officers and special committees.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to establish a committee consisting of fifteen members for the purpose of studying and investigating the matter of the development of low cost houses in the Town, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Finance Committee.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 16B of Chapter 147 of the General Laws as inserted by Section 2 of Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1938, being an Act providing for one day off in every six days for Police Officers or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen.

Article 4. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds and transfer to the special Drainage Construction Account, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Special Drainage Committee.

Article 5. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds and transfer to Water Department Maintenance and Construction Account, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Board of Public Works upon the laying out as a public highway of a private way known as Lewis Street under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, such highways being laid out in accordance with plan duly approved by the Board of Survey and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements, and to see if the Town will accept the public way and to see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds for

the said laying out and construction of said way and transfer to the Lewis Street Extension Betterment Account.

Board of Public Works.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to accept the gift of a "Secretary" made by the late Clara Pierce for the Public Library and to authorize and empower the Trustees of the Public Library to sell said "Secretary" for the sum of $25.00 and to appropriate said sum for the purchase of books for the Library, such books to be inscribed as having been purchased in memory of the late Clara Pierce, and to ratify and confirm all previous action of the Trustees in connection with the acceptance and sale of the gift of the "Secretary" or what it will do in relation thereto.

Trustees of Public Library.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in at least ten public places in the Town not less than seven days prior to June 23, 1941 the date set for the meeting in said warrant and to publish this warrant in the Reading Chronicle one day at least prior to said date. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting. Given under our hands this ninth day of June, A. D. 1941.

CARL W. GOODRIDGE
ROBERT E. FOWLE
HERBERT K. MILLER
Selectmen of Reading.

Officers Return

Reading, Mass., June 13, 1941

Middlesex ss.

By virtue of this warrant I this day warned and notified the inhabitants of the Town of Reading qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the places and at the time specified in this warrant by posting attested copies in the following public places within the Town of Reading.

Municipal Building	Reading Fire Station No. 1
Masonic Building	Reading Fire Station No. 2
Lyceum Hall Building	M. F. Charles Store
Odd Fellows Building	Danforth's Drug Store
Reading Police Station	Weadick's Drug Store
B. & M. R. R. Station	Haven Spa

Austin's Lunch

The same being not less than seven days prior to June 23rd, 1941 the date set for said meeting.

And I also caused the same to be printed in the Reading Chronicle date of June 20th, 1941, the same being at least one day prior to the date of said meeting.

Signed: J. W. Sias,
Constable of Reading.

Special Town Meeting

Reading, Mass., June 23, 1941
Security Hall, Woburn St.

Article 1. On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted to lay Article 1 on the table.

Article 2. On motion of Gardner G. Long it was voted that a committee of fifteen members be and hereby is established for the purpose of studying and investigating the matter of the development of the low cost houses in the Town, such committees to consist of two members of the Planning Board, two members of the Board of Public Works, two members of the Finance Committee, one member of the Municipal Light Board, one member of the Board of Assessors, one member of the Welfare Board, one member of the Board of Selectmen, one member of the School Committee, such members to be designated and appointed by their respective Boards and Committees, and a Builder, Real Estate Operator, Banker, and Architect to be appointed by the Moderator, within ten days from date of this meeting; such committee shall report at the next annual town meeting or at any special meeting to be held prior thereto the results of its study and investigation with definite recommendations as to what action, if any, it deems necessary and proper in the premises for the best interests of the Town, together with all the necessary details to carry such recommendations into effect.

Article 3. On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted that the provisions of Section 16B of Chapter 147 of the General Laws, as inserted by Section 2 of Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1938, being an Act providing for one day off in every six days for police officers be and the same hereby are accepted.

Article 4. Wendell P. Davis moved that the sum of Four Hundred One and 40/100 ($401.40) Dollars be appropriated from the unexpended balance of the appropriation of $2,500.00 for study and investigation of the matter of providing suitable drainage for the low lands adjacent to Lake Quannapowitt voted at the special town meeting held March 20, 1939, by transferring said sum to the Special Drainage Committee and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized to make the transfer to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Hector Xavier moved to indefinitely postpone this article. The motion to postpone this article was defeated.

The vote was then taken on Wendell P. Davis original motion and it was carried.

Article 5. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the sum of Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety Dollars and Four Cents ($9,490.04) be appropriated from the unexpended balance from the Water Department available surplus and transferred to the Maintenance, Operation and Construction of Water Works Account, and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer the said sum to the said account.

Article 6. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 7. On motion of Nelson Bishop it was voted that the gift of a "Secretary", made by the late Clara Pierce for the Public Library be and the same hereby is accepted and the Trustees of the Public Library are hereby authorized and empowered to sell said "Secretary", for the sum of $25.00 and said sum is hereby appropriated for the purchase of books for the Library, such books to be inscribed as having been purchased in memory of the late Clara Pierce, and all previous action of the Trustees in connection with the acceptance and sale of the gift of the "Secretary", is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Article 1. On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted to take Article 1 from the table.

On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted to indefinitely postpone Article 1.

On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted to adjourn this meeting at 8:07 p. m.

83 Males and 10 Females, total of 93 were checked as attending this meeting.

Sine Dei

NORMAN P. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

Checkers

Harriett Leuchtman, Belmont St.
Sylvester S. Spellman, 82 Green St.

June 27, 1941

As authorized by the vote of the Town, I have appointed four members to serve on the committee "for the purpose of studying and investigating the matter of the development of low cost housing in the Town", as authorized by Article 2 of the Warrant for Town Meeting, held June 23, 1941.

The members are as follows:

Banker ..... Mr. H. Raymond Johnson
Architect ..... Mr. Willard P. Adden
Building Contractor ..... Mr. Elias B. Currell
Real Estate ..... Mr. Leon F. Quimby

Signed, CHARLES P. HOWARD.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

September 15, 1941

Town Warrant

Seal

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To either of the Constables of the Town of Reading, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in Security Hall, Woburn Street, in said Reading, on Monday, the Fifteenth day of September, A. D., 1941, at seven forty-five o'clock in the evening, to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of Town Officers and special committees, and to choose all necessary committees and determine what instructions, if any, shall be given Town Officers and special committees.

Article 2. To see what sum the Town will raise by borrowing or otherwise and appropriate for the enlargement of the water system by the extension of water mains and for water departmental equipment or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Board of Public Works on relocating or altering the Easterly location line of Manning Street, from the Northerly side line of Pleasant (Private) Street Extension to the Southerly side line of Salem Street, said location lines being relocated or altered in accordance with plan duly approved by the Board of Public Works and filed in the office of the Town Clerk in accordance with the statutory requirements and to see if the Town will accept the relocation or alteration of the said location lines as shown on said plan, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds, under the authority of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 1941, the sum of twenty-seven dollars and forty-four cents ($27.44) for the payment of an unpaid 1940 bill of the School Department, or what it will do in relation thereto.

School Committee.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in at least ten public places in the Town not less than seven days prior to September fifteenth, the date set for the meeting in said warrant and to publish this warrant in the Reading Chronicle one day at least prior to said date.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this fifth day of September, A. D. 1941.

CARL W. GOODRIDGE
ROBERT E. FOWLE
HERBERT K. MILLER
Selectmen of Reading.

Officers Return

Reading, Mass., September 8, 1941

Middlesex ss.

By virtue of this warrant I have this day notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Reading qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the place and at the time specified in this warrant by posting attested copies in the following public places within the Town of Reading.

Municipal Building	Reading Police Station
Masonic Building	Reading Fire Station No. 1
Lyceum Hall Building	Fire Station No. 2
Odd Fellows Buillding	B. & M. R. R. Station
Austin's Lunch	Haven Spa
Danforth's Drug Store	M. F. Charles' Store

Weadick's Drug Store

The same being not less than seven days prior to September 15th, the date set for the meeting in said warrant.

I also caused the same to be published in the Reading Chronicle. date of Sept. 12th, 1941, the same being at least one day prior to said meeting.

Signed: J. W. SIAS,
Constable of Reading.

Special Town Meeting

Reading, Mass., September 15, 1941
Security Hall, Woburn St.

Article 1. On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted to lay Article 1 on the table.

Article 2. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the sum of Ten Thousand ($10,000) Dollars be and the same hereby is raised and appropriated for the enlargement of the water system by the extension of water mains for water departmental equipment and the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen be and he hereby is authorized to borrow for the above purpose the sum

of $10,000 and to issue therefor bonds or notes of the Town in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws and Acts amendatory thereof and in addition thereto so that the whole of said loan shall be paid in not more than five years or at such earlier time as the Treasurer and Board of Selectmen may determine and said bonds or notes shall be signed by the Treasurer and counter-signed by the Selectmen.

This being a bond issue a two-thirds vote was necessary. 33 voted in the affirmative and none in the negative.

Article 3.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss. Town of Reading.

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience require that the Public Highway be laid out relocated or altered as and in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons present, who desired to be heard, have laid out, relocated or altered as a public highway for the use of the Town and Easterly side line of Manning Street, the boundaries and measurements of said public highway as so laid out, relocated, or altered are as follows:

Beginning at a drill hole in a Stone Bound set at the intersection of the Southerly side line of Salem Street with the Northerly terminus of the former Easterly side line of Manning Street, said Stone Bound being 15.85° - 15' E., a distance of 33.01 feet from a Stone Bound set at the intersection of the said Southerly side line of Salem Street with the Northerly terminus of the Westerly side line of Manning Street.

Thence S. 85° - 15' E., measured along said Southerly side line of Salem Street, a distance of One (1) foot to a point;

Thence S. 3° - 01' - 30" W., through lands of the Merchants Co-operative Bank, Ethel M. Carver, Catherine B. Plummer formerly Catherine Burpee, Henry J. Manley and Winifred E. Manley and Henry J. Manley a distance of 447.25 feet to a point on the Northerly side line of Pleasant Street Extension.

Thence N. 85° - 15' W., along said Northerly side line of Pleasant (Private) Street Extension a distance of One (1) foot to an Iron Pipe set at the intersection of the Westerly terminus of the Northerly side line of Pleasant (Private) Street Extension with the Southerly terminus of the said Easterly side line of Manning Street;

Thence N. 3° - 01' - 30" E., by the former Easterly side line of said Manning Street, a distance of 447.25 feet to the drill hole in the Stone Bound marking the point of beginning.

The above described lines being more fully shown on a Plan entitled "Alteration and Re-location of the Easterly line of Manning Street, Reading, Mass." dated September 1941, Board of Public Works, Philip Welch, Supt., said Plan being a part of this description.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement.

No betterments are to be assessed for this improvement.

This laying out, relocation or alteration so made by us we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that when this report is accepted and adopted by the Town, that said public highway shall thereafter be laid out, relocated or altered in accordance with said plan.

WENDELL P. DAVIS
EDWARD A. BROPHY
ALEX LINDSAY
GILBERT M. LOTHROP
EDWARD TEER
Members of the Board of Public Works.

On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the relocating or altering of the Easterly location line of Manning Street and adopt the recommendations contained therein.

Article 4. On motion of Irving Austin it was voted that the sum of Twenty-seven Dollars and Forty-four ($27.44) be appropriated under authority of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 1941 for the payment of an unpaid 1940 bill of the School Department, and to meet such appropriation said amount be transferred from the expended balance of the School Department Maintenance Account and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to the said account.

A nine-tenths vote is required on this Article and 33 voted in the affirmative and none in the negative.

On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted to take Article 1 from the table.

On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted to indefinitely postpone Article 1.

On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted to adjourn this meeting at 8:10 p. m. Sine Die.

35 Males and 3 Females, total of 38 were checked as having attended this meeting.

Attest: NORMAN P. CHARLES,
Town Clerk.

The checkers were:
Harriett Leuchtman, 18 Belmont Street.
David J. Whelton, 7 High Street.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

December 1, 1941

TOWN WARRANT

Seal

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To either of the Constables of the Town of Reading, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in Security Hall. Woburn Street, in said Reading on

MONDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, A. D. 1941

at seven forty-five in the evening, to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of Town Officers and special committees, and to choose all necessary committees and determine what instructions, if any, shall be given Town Officers and special committees.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 13C of Chapter 147 of the General Laws relating to the ultimate abolishment of the Reserve Police Force in the Town, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds under the authority of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 1941 the sum of eighty dollars ($80.00) for the payment of an unpaid 1940 bill of the Police Department, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds and transfer to Collector's Expense Account, the sum of twenty dollars ($20.00) and authorize the payment of said sum to the Collector to reimburse her for a counterfeit bill accepted as taxes, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen.

Article 5. To see what sum the Town will appropriate from available funds and transfer to the Miscellaneous Expense Account for legal expenses relating to the defense of four court actions disposed of by trial during the current year, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Law Committee,

Article 6. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds and transfer to be expended by the Civilian Defense Committee for the purposes set forth in Chapter 487 of the Acts of 1941, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen.

Article 7. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds and transfer for Old Age Assistance, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Welfare.

Article 8. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds and transfer to the Special Drainage Construction Account, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Special Drainage Committee.

Article 9. To see if the Town will authorize the Municipal Light Board to sell upon such terms and conditions as they may determine, that portion of the real estate owned by the Town and situated at the junction of Haven, High and Green Streets, and shown as Lot B on Plan of Land in Reading, dated November, 1941, H. Kingman Abbott, Civil Engineer, and consisting of approximately 4,479 square feet of land, together with the building thereon known and designated as Nos. 1 Haven Street and 31 and 33 High Street, and to apply the proceeds of such sale to the payment of the indebtedness incurred in acquiring such real estate, and to sign, seal and acknowledge and deliver in the name and behalf of the Town the deed and such other instruments as may be necesary in conveying such property to the purchaser thereof, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Municipal Light Board.

Article 10. To see what sum the Town will appropriate from available funds and transfer to be expended by the committee established by vote adopted under Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting held on June 23 of the current year, for the drafting of suitable Town by-laws necessary to carry the committees recommendations into effect and for the necessary expense in connection with the further study and investigation of the matter of the development of the low cost houses in the Town, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Special Committee Investigating Low Cost Houses.

Article 11. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds and transfer to Care of Contagious Diseases Account, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Health.

Article 12. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds and transfer to Fire Department Maintenance Account, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in at least ten public places in the Town not less than seven days prior to December first, the date set for the meeting in said warrant and to publish this warrant in the Reading Chronicle, one day at least prior to said date.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for such meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-second day of November, A. D. 1941.

CARL W. GOODRIDGE
ROBERT E. FOWLE
HERBERT K. MILLER
Selectmen of Reading.

Officer's Return

Reading, November 28, 1941

Middlesex, ss.

By virtue of the within warrant, I, on November 24, 1941 notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in the place and at the time specified by posting attested copies of this warrant in the following places within said town: Municipal Building, Police Headquarters, Central Fire Station, Engine No. 2 House, Odd Fellows Building, Austin's Lunch Room, B. & M. R. R. Depot, Masonic Temple Building, M. F. Charles & Sons Store, Lyceum Hall Building, Rockport Fish Market, Haven Spa, Weadick's Drug Store, Keen's Neighborhood Store, Mineral St.

The date of posting being seven days prior to December 1, the date set for the meeting in this warrant, and I caused this warrant to be published in the Reading Chronicle in the issue of November 28th, being more than one day prior to date of meeting.

LEON G. BENT,
Constable of the Town of Reading.

Special Town Meeting

December 1, 1941.

Security Hall, Woburn St., Reading, Mass.

Article 1. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, DECEMBER 1, 1941.

The Committee was established by a vote of the Town at a Special Town Meeting held on June 23, 1941. The Committee, by vote, was to consist of two members of the Planning Board, two members of the Board of Public Works, two members of the Finance Committee, one member of the Municipal Light Board, one member of the Board of Assessors, one member of the Welfare Board, one member of the Board of Selectmen and one member of the School Committee, such members

to be designated and appointed by their respective Boards and Committees and a Builder, a Real Estate Operator, a Banker and an Architect to be appointed by the Moderator.

The various Boards and Committees and the Moderator made their appointments and the Committee held its first meeting on July 14, 1941. The Committee then organized as follows:

Mr. Wendell Davis was elected chairman.

Mr. Herbert Miller was elected secretary.

The following persons constitute the committee: Mr. Philip White, Planning Board; Mr. Sherburne Watts, Planning Board; Mr. Edward Teer, Board of Public Works; Mr. Wendell Davis, Board of Public Works; Mr. Gardner Long, Finance Committee; Mr. Clinton Bancroft, Finance Committee. Mr. Louis Ellenwood, Municipal Light Board; Mr. Edgar Frost, Board of Assessors; Mr. Joseph Knight, Welfare Board; Mr. Herbert Miller, Board of Selectmen; Mr. Bernard Maxwell, School Committee; Mr. Elias Currell, Builder; Mr. Leon Quimby, Realtor; Mr. H. Raymond Johnson, Banker; Mr. Willard Adden, Architect.

The committee as a whole was sub-divided into sub-committees, each of which studied a particular phase of the work. One sub-committee investigated the Building Code, another the Zoning Laws, and a third the functions of the Board of Survey, all from the viewpoint of the overall effect on the housing problems of the Town.

Each sub-committee has held several meetings as has the full committee. Each sub-committee spent much time and effort on their subject.

After much investigation, each sub-committee made written reports to the full committee. The sub-committees investigating Board of Survey and Zoning Laws have completed their work except for some minor details. The sub-committee investigating the Building Code requires more time because of the necessary great amount of detail involved. These reports contain many recommendations which the committee believes contain much merit. These recommendations have been carefully considered by the committee as a whole.

The Committee feels that much has been accomplished to date but that many details still remain to be worked out. This will require further study and investigation and will entail the expenditure of monies for necessary detail work which the Committee feels they will not personally be able to do.

The General Committee hereby approves and endorses a recommendation and request that funds be alloted for further study and investigation with special attention being given to a thorough study of the Building Codes.

With this allotment of funds the Committee will be able to prepare

for submission to the Town a detailed report covering all phases of the committee work.

The Committee hopes to have this report in such a form that the Town will be able to approve or disapprove of any or all details as they see fit.

The Committee makes this report to the Town as a preliminary report, and feels they will be able to submit a final report to the Town early in 1942.

On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the report of the Special Committee investigating the development of Low Cost Houses be and the same hereby is accepted and that the recommendations therein contained be and the same are hereby adopted, and that the Committee be continued in office until such time as the Town shall by vote at the Town Meeting assembled otherwise determine.

On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted to lay Article 1 on the table.

Article 2. On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted that the provisions of Section C of Chapter 147 of the General Laws relating to the ultimate abolition of the reserve police force in the Town, be and the same hereby are accepted.

Article 3. Carl W. Goodridge moved that the sum of Eighty ($80) Dollars be appropriated from the unexpended balance in the Police Department Maintenance Account and transfer said sum for the payment of an unpaid 1940 bill of the Police Department, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized to make the transfer to carry out the purposes of this vote.

John L. Devaney moved to amend the motion and make the amount five ($5.00) dollars.

Carl W. Goodridge's motion being the larger amount it was put to the meeting first. The motion required a 9-tenths vote to pass. 28 voted in the affirmative and 19 in the negative. The motion was lost.

Vote was then taken on John L. Devaney's motion. 40 voted in the affirmative and 6 in the negative, this motion was also lost, not being a 9-tenths vote.

Article 4. On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted that the sum of Twenty ($20) Dollars be appropriated by transferring from the unexpended balance in the Insurance Account to the Tax Collector's Expense Account, for the reimbursement of the Collector for a counterfeit bill accepted as taxes, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized to make the transfer to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 5. On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted that the sum of Four Hundred ($400) Dollars be appropriated by transferring

said sum from the unexpended balance in the Insurance Account to the Miscellaneous Expense Account, for legal expenses relating to the defense of four court jury actions tried during the current year, and the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized to make the transfer to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 6. On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted that the sum of Four Hundred ($400) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the unexpended balance in the Insurance Account to be expended by the Civilian Defense Committee for the purposes set forth in Chapter 487 of the Acts of 1941, and the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized to make the transfer to carry out the purposes of this vote.

Article 7. On motion of Joseph W. Knight it was voted that the sum of Three Thousand ($3,000) Dollars be appropriated from the unexpended balance in the Aid to Dependent Children Account and Five Hundred ($500) Dollars from the unexpended balance in the General Aid Accountant and transfer said sums to the Old Age Assistance Account, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is instructed to make the necessary transfers to carry out the purposes of this vote.

Article 8. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the sum of Six Thousand ($6,000) Dollars be appropriated from the unexpended balance of the W. P. A. Account and transfer to the Special Drainage Construction Account such sum to be expended under the direction of the Special Drainage Committee for any and all expenses in connection with the construction of the drainage system, and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized to make the transfer to carry out the purposes of this vote.

Article 9. On motion of Henry R. Johnson it was voted that the Municipal Light Board be and they hereby are authorized and empowered for and in behalf of the Town of Reading to sell for the sum of Ten Thousand ($10,000) Dollars that portion of the real estate owned by the Town and situated at the junction of Haven, High and Green Streets, and shown as Lot B on Plan of Land in Reading, dated November, 1941. H. Kingman Abbott, Civil Engineer, and filed in the Land Registration Office as Plan 6084B, and being a portion of the land described in Certificate of Title No. 44,966 in the Land Registration Office of the South Registry District of Middlesex County, and consisting of approximately 4,479 square feet of land together with the building thereon known and designated as Nos. 1 Haven Street and 31 and 33 High Street, and that the Municipal Light Board be and they hereby are further authorized and empowered to sign, seal, acknowledge and deliver in behalf of the Town the deed and such other instruments as may be necessary in conveying such property to the purchaser thereof,

and that the proceeds of such sale are to be applied to the payment of the indebtedness incurred in acquiring such real estate, as provided by Section 63 of Chapter of the General Laws.

Article 10. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the sum of One Thousand ($1,000) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the unexpended balance in the Welfare General Aid Account, for the use of the Special Committee studying the Development of Low Cost Houses established under Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting held on June 23 of the current year, such sum to be expended under the direction of such committee for the drafting of suitable Town by-laws necessary to carry the Committee's recommendations into effect, and for the necessary expense in connection with the further study and investigation of the matter of the development of low cost houses in the Town, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized to make the transfer to carry out the purposes of this vote.

Article 11. On motion of Leon G. Bent, it was voted that the sum of One Thousand ($1,000) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the Welfare General Aid Account to Care of Contagious Diseases Account, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized to make the transfer to carry out the purposes of this vote.

Article 12. On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted that the sum of Three Hundred Eighty ($380) Dollars be appropriated from the unexpended balance in the Insurance Account, Two Hundred Ninety ($290) Dollars from the unexpended balance in the Soldier's Relief Account; and Five Hundred ($500) Dollars from the Welfare General Aid Account and transfer said sums to the Fire Department Maintenance Account, and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to make the necessary transfers to carry out the purposes of this vote.

On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted to take Article 1 from the table.

On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted to indefinitely postpone Article 1.

On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted to adjourn this meeting at ?? p. m.

72 Males and 23 Females. Total of 95 were checked as attending this meeting. Voted to adjourn, Sine Die.

NORMAN P. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

Checkers

Harriett Leuchtman ..... Belmont St.
David J. Whelton ..... 7 High St.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, DECEMBER 29, 1941

TOWN WARRANT

Seal

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To either of the Constables of the Town of Reading, Greetings:—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in Security Hall. Woburn Street, in said Reading on

Monday, the Twenty-Ninth Day of December A. D. 1941

at seven forty-five o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles:—

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of Town Officers and special committees, and to choose all necessary committees and determine what instructions, if any shall be given Town Officers and Special Committees.

Article 2. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds and transfers to be expended by the Civilian Defense Committee for the purpose set forth in Chapter 487 of the Acts of 1941 or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 11A of Chapter 85 of the General Laws relative to the registration and operation of bicycles in the Town, or what it will do in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in at least ten public places in the town not less than seven days prior to December 29th, the date set for the meeting in said warrant, and to publish this warrant in the Reading Chronicle one day at least prior to said date.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of December, A. D. 1941.

CARL W. GOODRIDGE
ROBERT E. FOWLE
HERBERT K. MILLER
Selectmen of Reading.

Officer's Return

Reading, Mass., December 20, 1941

Middlesex ss.

By virtue of this warrant I this day notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Reading qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the place and at the time specified in said warrant by posting attested copies in the following public places within the Town of Reading.

Municipal Building	Odd Fellows Building
Police Station	Masonic Hall Building
Reading Fire Station No. 1	Lyceum Hall Building
Reading Fire Station No. 2	Weadick's Drug Store
B. & M. R. R. Station	Danforth's Drug Store
Haven St. Spa	Austin's Lunch

M. F. Charles & Sons Store

The same being not less than seven days prior to December 29th, 1941, the date set for said meeting.

I also caused the same to be printed in the Reading Chronicle, date of December 26, 1941, the same being at least one day prior to said date.

Signed: J. W. SIAS,
Constable of Reading.

Special Town Meeting

December 29, 1941. Security Hall, Woburn St.
Reading, Massachusetts

Norman P. Charles opened the meeting, Charles P. Howard being absent, Carl Goodridge made a motion to appoint a Temporary Moderator.

Leon Bent moved that the Chairman of the Selectmen cast one ballot for a Temporary Moderator.

Carl Goodridge cast one ballot for Samuel H. Davis who was declared elected.

Article 1. To the citizens of the Town of Reading:

Alden Goldsmith reported:—

The sub-committee of the Finance Committee appointed to make a study of the Welfare Department and W. P. A. submits herewith its report.

The special town meeting of May 1, 1940 appropriated $1,000.00 for the use of the Finance Committee to study the administration, cost of

operation, activities and functions of the Department of Public Welfare and W. P. A. On May 28, 1940 the sub-committee appointed by the chairman of the Finance Committee organized with Messrs. Harold Currell, chairman; Alden Goldsmith, secretary; Clinton Bancroft, W. Gardner Long, G. Lawrence Roberts, and John Devaney, ex-officio.

A number of meetings were held with the Board of Public Welfare, Board of Selectmen, and in executive session. Our chief aim was to find some means of cutting the cost of relief and of making the administration of the Welfare Department more effective. Several recommendations were made directly to the Board of Public Welfare and their full co-operation was received in effecting the changes.

During 1941 there has been an appreciable reduction in the cost of relief due, of course, to the national defense effort. The administration of the Department on the whole is operating very well. We believe the people of Reading may be proud of the welfare services rendered by the town.

Therefore, the committee requests that it be dismissed and the $1000 appropriated is released, the committee having incurred no expenses.

We should like to express our thanks to the members of the Boards and to Messrs. E. E. Harnden and Arthur Michelini.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. LONG
CLINTON L. BANCROFT
ALDEN GOLDSMITH
G. L. ROBERTS

Article 1. On motion of Leon Bent it was voted that the report of the Special Committee established at the Special Town Meeting held May 1, 1940, for the study of the cost of operation of the Welfare and W. P. A. Departments be and the same hereby is accepted.

On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted to lay Article 1 on the table.

Article 2. On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted, that the sum of Twenty-one Hundred Seventy-five and 65/100 ($2,175.65) Dollars be appropriated from the unexpended balance in the account for the Repair and Improvement of Salem and Harnden Streets; One Thousand ($1,000) Dollars from the unexpended balance in the account for Study of the Welfare and W. P. A. Departments; Four Thousand ($4,000) Dollars from the unexpended balance in the Public Welfare General Aid Account; Two Hundred Four and 35/100 ($204.35) Dollars from the unexpended balance in the General Aid Administrative account; Nine Hundred ($900) Dollars from the unexpended balance in

the Aid to Dependent Children account; and transfer the said sums amounting to Eight Thousand Two Hundred Eighty ($8,280) Dollars to be expended by the Civilian Defense Committee for the purposes set forth in Chapter 487 of the Acts of 1941, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized to make the necessary transfers to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 3. On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted that the provisions of Section 11A of Chapter 85 of the General Laws relative to the registration and operation of bicycles in the Town, be and the same hereby are accepted.

On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted to take Article 1 from the table.

On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted to indefinitely postpone Article 1.

On motion of Carl W. Goodridge it was voted to adjourn this meeting at 8:02 p. m. Sine Die.

NORMAN P. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

A total of 72 were checked as attending this meeting.

Checkers

Harriett Leuchtman ..... Belmont St.
David J. Whelton ..... 7 High St.

Reading, Mass., December 31, 1941

Norman P. Charles, Town Clerk.

This is to notify you that the Board of Selectmen, at its meeting on December 29th, voted to appoint the following a Finance Committee of the Civilian Defense Committee, with authority to approve all bills.

Edward M. Halligan, M. D.
Carl W. Goodridge
Robert E. Fowle
Newell H. Morton
Lloyd A. David
Muriel I. MacLean
Herbert K. Miller

L. G. Bent, Clerk
Board of Selectmen.

NOTICE TO PARENTS, HOUSEWIVES, PHYSICIANS AND MIDWIVES

Your Attention is Called to the Section Below Taken from the Revised Laws—Blank Forms for Return of Births Can Be Obtained of the Town Clerk

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SECTION 3, CHAPTER 444, ACTS 1897

Section 3. Physicians and Midwives shall on or before the fifth day of each month report to the clerk of each city or town a correct list of all children born therein during the month next preceding, at whose birth they were present, stating the date and place of each birth, the name of the child, if it has any, the sex and color of the child, the name, place of birth and residence of the parents, the maiden name of the mother, and occupation of the father. If the child is illegitimate the name of the father shall not be stated, unless at the joint request in writing of both father and mother, which requests shall be filed with the return of births. The fee of the physicians and midwives shall be twenty-five cents for each birth so reported and shall be paid by the city or town in which the report is made, upon presentation of certificate from the city or town clerk, stating that said births have been reported in conformity with the requirements of this section. Any physician or midwife neglecting to report such list for ten days after it is due shall for each offense forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

SECTION 6, CHAPTER 444, ACTS 1897

Section 6. Parents and householders shall within forty (40) days after the date of a birth occuring in his house give notice thereof or cause such notice to be given to the clerk of the city or town in which such child is born.

NORMAN P. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1941

Date	Name	Parent
January		
4	Frank Alan D'Orlando	Frank and Arlene E.
11	John Abram Spurr	John A. and Frances P.
15	Thomas Donegan	Maurice H. and Doris M.
16	Mark Weston Fellows	Horace W. and Grace H.
18	John Dwight Crocker	Chauncy L. and Marion W.
18	Herbert Joseph Heselton	Herbert and Edith F.
19	Elsie Louise Horrigan	Michael B. and Grace M.
20	Judith Ann McQuesten	Ernest H. and Verna M.
21	Patricia Iola Ryland	Stratford J. and Ruth N.
23	Lawrence Gene Belcamino	Lawrence S. and Virginia R.
26	Brenda Joyce Call	Alvin M. and Edith H. I.
27	Arthur Penno	Joseph L. and Margaret A.
30	Shelia Pearl Marsh	Arthur J. and Mary E.
February		
2	Seth Kincaid Bredbury	Gerald F. and Mary B.
5	Jeanne Kevorkian	Edwin A. and Marion A.
8	James Edward Peterson	John E. and Kathleen L.
9	Duncan Yates Ball	Donald G. and Theodora P.
14	Lois Ann Thornton	James H. and Emily M.
15	Arrola Lee Wolfe	Caleb W. and Cornelia E.
16	Robert Kimball Barrett	Wilmer D. and Evelyn M.
19	Baby Singleton	Joseph R. and Esther F.
21		
22	Carol Ann Wedge	Charles S. and Alice M.
25	David Grover Bromley	Everett H. and Mary K.
27	Donald Ernest Gallant	Ernest E. and Mabel A.
March		
4	William Alfred Ellis	Walter H. and Gertrude E.
12	Elaine Pearl Doucette	Jeremiah and Florence
13	Richard Edward Crowell	Horace E. and Mabel J.
17	Leslie Francis Morrison	Frank and Amanda
20	Robert Burton Ames	Burton F. and Gladys P.
20	Sally Jordan	Edward C. and Alice E.
28	Charles Lawrence Harrow	Charles A. and Winnifred M.
29	Joseph Toner	Joseph P. and Eleanor V.
31	Eleanor Louise Lawson	Ronald and Ethel

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1941

Date	Name	Parent
April		
1	Faith Mallet	Oliver C. and Winnifred D.
4	Judith Sullivan	Charles H. and Mary B.
4	Rita Ann Verde	Louis and Rita F.
6	Reginald Theodore Peters	John and Josephine
7	Leslie Alice Hart	James H. and Mary M.
17	David Foster Burhoe	Douglas W. and Mary R.
22	Alice Barrett	Charles A. and Alice E.
24	Jeanne Elinor Richardson	William G. and Elinor K.
26	Richard Cavanaugh	James J. and Mary B.
26	Jane Marion O'Leary	Francis W. and Marion E.
27	James Arundell Hall	Stanley A. and Arliene F.
May		
1	Glifford George Nichols	Raymond and Minnie M.
2	Ronald Charles Goetz	Louis C. and Madeline A.
6	Donald Edward Owens	William J. and Alice V.
10	Ralph Terry Nelson	Ralph E. and Muriel S.
11	Susan Elizabeth Marple	Elliot and Dorotha E.
20	Shirley Ann Toner	John E. and Helen M.
20	Jane Rudolph	John I. and Alice E.
20	Philemon Putnam Carleton, 3rd.	Philemon P. and Dorothea I.
22	Marcia Florence Locke	Denton M. and Barbara G.
22	Janet Ermina Smith	Leander P. and Phyllis R.
27	Beth Darling	George H. and Madalene M.
28	William Edward Drew	James P. and Ann G.
30	Ann Coneeney	Thomas J. and Kathleen F.
30	Ernestine Macdonald	Roderick E. and Ernestine A.
31	Jean Elizabeth Milley	Jethro and Bessie A.
June		
1	Elizabeth Jane Hill	Joseph A. and Irma C.
5	Baby Sumner	William H. and Jeanette S.
5	Baby Sumner	William H. and Jeanette S.
6	Delma Louise McMahon	Frederick and Delma D.
7	Nancy Eloine Yocom	Richard W. and Dorothy E.
8	Judith Ann Tarr	Charles A. and Ruth A.
10	Susan Brockett McGee	Hugh P. and Florence B.
10	Linda Morrow	Clark H. and Barbara C.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1941

Date	Name	Parent
June		
13	Robert Julian Legg, Jr.	Robert J. and Miriam M.
13	Baby Arnold	Berry W. and Elizabeth D.
14	Judith Dahl Middleton	Charles F. and Alberta S.
16	Patricia Ann Frotten	John H. and Margaret I.
16	Linda Hubbard	Alan W. and Esther V.
19	Michael Harding	William J. and Marjorie S.
19	David Marshall Donnelly	Charles N. and Dorothy M.
20	Rodney Allen Symonds	Thomas J. and Eleanor C.
21	Lynn Joanne Junkins	Paul F. and Florence M.
23	Harold Keizer	Horace B. and Flora L.
24	June Ellen Marshall	Ernest G. and Ruth E.
26	Judith Lee Barrett	Karl F. and Gladys G.
26	Baby Margeson	John W. and Ardelle H.
July		
1	Joyce Kimball Fowler	Herbert A. and Gertrude A.
2	Linda Janice Gromyko	Alfonse B. and Janice E.
5	Michael Bolster Glynn	Joseph E. and Hilda G.
9	Jon Peter Wennberg	Albert C. and Dorothy G.
11	Elizabeth Ann Doucette	Francis K. and Barbara L.
16	Francis Charles Soszynski	Francis C. and Olga C.
16	James Henry MacDonald	Paul K. and Constance T.
19	Ellen Louise Perry	James S. and Carol C.
20		
20	Bonnie Naomi March	Willis H. and Ina S.
26	David Edward Ladewig	Edward G. and Eleanor V.
August		
2	Karen Lee Richmond	James A. and Lois M.
3	Peter Norman Quimby	Carlyle F. and Evelyn D.
3	Robert Venanzio Carlo De Benedictis	Settinio and Felicia L.
4	Walter Ernest Gray	Donald P. and Elinore J.
5	Robert William Burpee	William E. and Thelma M.
7	Richard Stephen Smith	James A. and Lillian M.
8	Sally Mae Grundy	Robert A. and Ethel P.
14	Sylvia Jane Harvey	Albert C. and Hattie A.
15	Robert Keith Howard	Robert K. and Mary W.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1941

Date	Name	Parent
August		
18	Eleanor Francis Altomonte	Salvatore and Augslina D.
19	David Edward Dwyer	Edward H. and Eleanor P.
19	James Harold Dunham	Paul R. and Agnes C.
25	Arthur William Graustein, Jr.	Arthur W. and Audrey C.
26	Warren James Henderson	Elmer R. and Grace L.
September		
3	Charles Williston Camp	Harry U. and Adra C.
4	Linda Jane McCarthy	John E. and Rita M.
4	Suzanne Mary Hardy	Thomas F. and Agnes M.
5	Richard Michael Pass	Irving J. and Janet M.
6	Sandra Goodwin	Howard D. and Margaret H.
9	Lillian Marie Osborne	Arthur E. and Marion P.
12	Richard Strunk	Edward F. and Margaret V.
14	Roderick Michael Wallace	Alfonso and Julia O.
15	Burton Hammond Page	George W. and Phyllis S.
18	Bertha Mae Kittredge	Thomas H. and Annie M.
18	Daniel Edward Cummings	John F. and Effie F.
18	Donna Eloise Shannon	Robert W. and Eloise A.
18	Daniel Duncan Churchill	Robert L. and Virginia L.
25	John Elbridge Stoddard	Joseph R. and Charlotte E.
27	Beverly Ann Butt	John M. and Elinor B.
28	George Marshall Davis	Charles R. and Evelyn M.
29	Daniel James McDonald	Clifton J. and Charlotte M.
29	Neil Sumner	William J. and Margaret M.
29	Nancy Sumner	William J. and Margaret M.
October		
4	Thomas Parkman Stark	Charles R. and Nathalie V.
4	Wallace Joseph MacPherson	Joseph W. and Ruth A.
5	Ann Elizabeth Bradley	Cleveland W. and Beatrice B.
5	Albert Kingsbury Jarvis	Albert K. and Pheobe C.
5	Kenneth Roger Maxwell	Roger H. and Eleanor F.
6	Linda Weona French	Roland C. and Christina H.
8	Karen Colburne Kean	Robert H. and Lillian D.
9	Selina Burhoe	Richard H. and Eleanore B.
12	Ann Mary Houle	Leo J. and Rose T.
13	Cannington	James and Margaret C.
15	Barbara Lee Miller	Herbert K. and Elizabeth B.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1941

Date	Name	Parent
October		
18	Norma Lee Hilts	Leland P. and Alma C.
18	Frotten	Paul and Lillian H.
19	Baby Richards	Albert L. and Helen X.
19	Nancy Laura White	Adolph J. and Laura A.
25	Ernest Charles Rogers	Wesley A. and Priscilla K.
26	Lawrence Paul Wood	Carl L. and Phyllis W.
27	Joseph Cummings, 3rd	Joseph A. and Pearl V.
28	George Francis Sullivan	George C. and Eleanor A.
31	David Edward Waters, Jr.	David E. and Eva P.
November		
1	Janet Lois Sherrod	Roy L. and Florence M.
2	Linda Grace Smith	Charles L. and Frances V.
3	Ann Sheridan Dalton	Michael R. and Mary A.
7	Barbara Anne Hatch	George F. and Lillian R.
12	Kenneth Warren Carter	Robert E. and Winnifred H.
21	Judith Ann Ralston	Sumner E. and Clara T.
21	Alvin Alfred Munnis, Jr.	Alvin A. and Doris M.
22	Joan Carol Frazier	John L. and Edna D.
26	David Philipp Lehr	George S. and Gladys G.
29	Gary Bainbridge Walker	Harry S. R. and Louise L.
30	John Thomas Jones Jr.	John T. and Elise P.
December		
4	Mary Ellen Kelly	Daniel V. and Genevieve C.
4	Barbara Ann Florence	Richard E. and Christine M.
4	Richard Henry Coy	Myrton G. and Bernice P.
5	Catherine Carol Cavanaugh	Bernard B. and Catherine L.
6	Lois Ella Thompson	Norman H. and Elsie E.
7	Andrea Bickell	Norman S. and Signe E.
9	Fransen	Helge and Astrid L.
9	Bruce Alan Sweeney	Edmund G. and Elinor D.
11	Barbara Brockway	Robert S. and Barbara H.
11	Richard Derbyshire Norton	Robert D. and Esther B.
17	Barbara Jean Cameron	Albert J. and Isabel H.
17	Mark Edward Bertelsen	Bernard F. and Lorraine E.
20	Alice Louise Sawyer	Arthur W. and Alberta B.
23	Doucette	Douglas and Patricia S.
27	Gary Richards Norris	Gordon V. and Katherine L.
31	Meikel	Melvin R. and Margaret S.

AFFIDAVIT AND CORRECTION OF RECORDS OF BIRTH

Date	Name	Parent
1890		
Oct. 4	Ada Hodson	Napoleon H. and Clara L.
1891		
April 6	Leonard Thomas Scott	James W. and Lucia E.
1895		
Dec. 5	Paul Cornelius Canty	Cornelius A. and Margaret A.
1906		
Feb. 21	Melvin Nicholas Doucette	John J. and Marion E.
1914		
June 24	Clarence E. Meuse	Dennis L. and Rose D.
1915		
Aug.	David Ignatius Quinlan	Thomas H. and Annie K.
1924		
Sept. 30	Robert Edward Ward	George L. and Delia A.
1925		
April 5	Erwin Russell Coulson	Dana L. and Mabel V.
1926		
Jan. 16	Albert Leland Adams	Lester C. and Leona P.
1934		
Jan. 7	Edward Frederick Piercy	Jack F. and Margaret S.
June 6	Sydney Frances Connors	John J. and Florence E.
1935		
Sept. 5	Marjorie Erlene Lovejoy	Lawrence E. and Mary G.

DELAYED CERTIFICATES OF BIRTH

Date	Name	Parent
1908		
Sept. 7	Ralph Miller Bolton	James H. and Agnes
1935		
April 3	Paul Robert Henderson	Spencer and Olga G.
Nov. 8	David Lewis Berry	Harry M. and Madge C.
1939		
March 27	Cynthia Lillian Dong	Gee Wo and Lillian I.
1940		
Nov. 27	John Thomas Doucette	Charles and Eva M.
Nov. 5	Ruth Ann Goodwin	Herman B. and Eleanor P.
Nov. 14	Thomas William Hynes	Thomas W. and Merilyn E.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING, YEAR 1941

Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
January				
1	William Joccelyn Lawless	23	Check Teller	Melrose
	Ruth Atwood Gammons	25	At Home	Reading
2	Paul Kenneth MacDonald	24	Clerk	Reading
	Constance Turnbull	23	Clerk	Andover
4	John Russell Crowley	22	Press Operator	Reading
	Shirley Cole	21	At Home	Melrose
11	William Meggison	24	Clerk	Lynn
	Evelyn May LaPlante	23	Telephone Operator	Reading
18	Everett Granger Carroll	23	Builder	Reading
	Priscilla Emily Stone	23	Clerk	Melrose
21	Daniel J. Scott	60	Engineer	North Reading
	Elise L. Smith	44	Laundress	North Reading
25	George Alton Porter	23	Janitor	Andover
	Beatrice Seraphine Meuse	20	Stenographer	Reading
27	Santo Joseph Castiglione	21	Clerk	Lawrence
	Margaret Elizabeth Nickerson	21	At Home	Reading
27	Richard Everett Florence	18	Laborer	Reading
	Christine Mary Doucette	21	Housework	Reading
29	Carl Allen Raymond, Jr.	25	Officer U. S. Navy	Honolulu
	Elizabeth Betty Boyers	23	At Home	Reading
31	Paul Frederick Frotten	23	Laborer	Reading
	Lillian Grace Heselton	17	At Home	Reading
February				
6	Walter Stewart Welding	24	U. S. Navy	Andover
	Mary Janet Woodberry	25	At Home	Reading
7	James Thomas Gallagher	26	Mill Operator	Reading
	Helen Elizabeth Dyer	23	At Home	North Reading
7	Edwin Russell Merritt	21	Laborer	Reading
	Catherine Eleanor Roy	23	Stenographer	North Woburn
9	Donald Bragdon Sias	30	Clerk	Reading
	Mabel Eleanor Crowe	25	Reg. Nurse	Reading
11	Fred Harold Logan	19	Salesman	Boston
	Olive Frances Porter	18	At Home	Reading
14	Percy Enoch Anderson	38	Merchant	Reading
	Dorothy Elizabeth Sidebottom	35	Osteopathic Phy.	Reading

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING, YEAR 1941

Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
February				
15	John Edward Palmer	30	Welder	Reading
	Dorothea Katherine Doussas	24	Clerk	Manchester, N. H.
15	John Henry Farnum	25	Salesman	Reading
	Deborah Kakas	24	At Home	West Medford
16	Charles Leverett Gowing, Jr.	34	Mov. Pic. Operator	Reading
	Ruth Evelyn Wood	32	At Home	Reading
19	George Francis Hatch	29	Engineer	Reading
	Lillian Rita ONeil	28	Nurse	Lowell
19	Herbert Steadman Richardson	63	Transportation	Reading
	Jessie Alberta Vaughan (Holden)	47	At Home	Reading
20	William Frederick Scribner	41	Painter	Stoneham
	Marie Althea Farabella	36	Housekeeper	Stoneham
22	Daniel Anthony Ditucci	24	Leather Worker	Woburn
	Marion Nancy Marr	25	Doctor's Assistant	Reading
22	Clifford Winfield Holt	24	Bank Clerk	Reading
	Shirley Frances Burbank	22	Clerk	Reading
22	Kenneth Vroom Anderson	27	Sales Clerk	Reading
	Helen Edgerton Harding	27	Store Manager	Stoneham
25	Hubert Webster Stebbins	24	Cook	Reading
	Pauline Amita Eske	21	Stenographer	Hyde Park, Vt.
March				
1	Roland Smith	49	Carpenter	Reading
	Katherine (Clements) Porter	37	Cook	Reading
1	Frank Provenzano	27	Presser	East Boston
	Dorothea Marie Duncan (Hans)	28	Typist	Reading
6	James Arthur Russell	25	Photographer	Reading
	Merilyn Elizabeth Knapp	20	Seamstress	Reading
10	George Kennett Gibson	24	Yardman	Somerville
	Margaret Elvira Ireland	22	Registered Nurse	Reading
15	Maxim Charles Ducharme	28	Machinist	Medford
	Ann Beatrice Rutherford	28	Stitcher	Medford
21	Harry E. Muse	30	Machinist	Reading
	Frances L. Williams	40	Housekeeper	Reading
29	William Paul Ferrick	35	Shipper	Reading
	Ruth June Waterman	28	At Home	Wilmington

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING, YEAR 1941

Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
March				
29	Fay Miles Converse	23	Machinist	Springfield, Vt.
	Gladys Mae Burns	29	Teacher	Reading
30	Elmer C. Greene	23	Carpenter	Somerville
	Marjorie L. Brown	22	Decorator—Dishes	Malden
30	Charles Wesley Dean	25	U. S. Army	Melrose
	Loretta Fairburne Gagnon	24	At Home	Reading
April				
4	William Leslie Morrison	23	Engineer	Stoneham
	Evelyn Harriett Olsen	23	Hairdressing Instr.	Reading
5	Walter Elwyn Smart	20	Army	Stoneham
	Eleanor Marie Hurstak	18	At Home	Medford
12	John Leslie Power	22	Shipper	Winchester
	Stella Treiste Marchetti	22	Waitress	Reading
12	Carleton Bridges Davis	27	Radio Engineer	Stoneham
	Louise Truesdell Cook	26	Clerk	Reading
13	Carl Howard Hoyt	25	Grocery Clerk	Reading
	Dorothy Isabel Doucette	21	Library Clerk	Reading
13	Armond David Mercier	22	Appr. Moulder	Reading
	Marjorie Veronica Phinney	19	Screener	Woburn
16	Stanley Howard Jones	21	Truck Driver	Stoneham
	Helen Louise Lefave	16	At Home	Reading
18	Frank P. Riley	27	Office Manager	Reading
	Edna Louise Marr	29	Receptionist	Reading
19	William Andrew Shaw	26	Color Artist	Revere
	Rita Frances Lewis	24	Clerk	Reading
19	Henry Arthur Murphy	28	Statistician	Reading
	Natalie Wallace	20	Bookkeeper	Reading
19	James Joseph Morris	32	Mechanic	Woburn
	Marjorie Ann Noonan	25	Telephone Oper.	Reading
20	Dennis Edward Ainsworth	25	Pipe Fitter	Reading
	Priscilla Jones	21	Typist	Reading
25	James Parker Glidden	22	Engineer	Belmont
	Virginia Phillips Gammons	24	At Home	Reading
27	Daniel J. Coakley, Jr.	29	Ward Attendant	Bedford
	Mary E. Cutress	24	Registered Nurse	Waltham
29	George Hunt Keith	25	Salesman	Stoneham
	Barbara Gail Stanley	22	At Home	Stoneham

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May				
1	Byron Walter Foster	22	R. R. Employee	Reading
	Dorothy Alice Thorn	23	Othopedic Nurse	Lynn
3	James Franklin Whitten	21	U. S. Army	North Reading
	Helen Claire Wescott	18	At Home	Reading
10	Donald Clement Parker	26	Steel Treater	Reading
	Mildred Mae Johnson	26	At Home	North Wilmington
12	Arthur F. Castine	38	Chauffeur	Reading
	Avis Clark	29	At Home	Reading
17	John Gorman O'Dowd	28	Clerk	Reading
	Elizabeth Rosella Maguire	32	Clerk	Hyde Park
25	Leo John Mallett	26	U. S. Army	Reading
	Bertha Yvonne Ayotte	25	Bookkeeper	Lynn
26	Harold Leon Post	22	Unemployed	Reading
	Gertrude Mary Louise Lutz	19	At Home	Reading
29	Ralph Franklin Plouff	21	Tile Layer	Reading
	Shirley Eleanor Field	18	Insurance Clerk	Reading
29	Ralph E. Muise	38	Carpenter	Wakefield
	Nellie R. McBride	31	At Home	Wakefield
30	Stanley Howard Gaw	21	Laundry Worker	Reading
	Jennie Anna Haladay	25	Shirt Finisher	Wakefield
31	Henry Alan Steeves, Jr.	25	Librarian	New York City
	Audrey V. Caesar	27	Secretary	Wakefield
31	Charles Raymond Smith	20	Mechanic	Wakefield
	Pauline Erna Gray	18	Housemaid	Reading
31	Oren Lemuel Crowe	29	Floorman	Reading
	Jeanette Blanche Marie Paquette	25	Machine Operator	Somerville
June				
1	James Everett Faulkner	25	Sheet Metal Worker	Reading
	Anna Margaret Fennelly	20	Laundry Worker	Reading
1	Paul Edward White	22	Meat Cutter	Reading
	Alberta Irene Meuse	17	Shoe Worker	Wakefield
1	Sebastian Thomas Tine	20	Clerk	Reading
	Lena Lucy Di Tomo	22	Shoe Packer	Wakefield
6	Richard Michael Dalton	33	Steel Worker	Stoneham
	Mary A. Sullivan (Doucette)	30	At Home	Reading
6	Harry Woolley Pratt	30	Secretary	Providence, R. I.
	Helen Margaret Glen	28	School Dietitian	Providence, R. I.

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
June				
7	William Henry Willson	31	Salesman	Reading
	Earline Austin	28	Secretary	Reading
7	William Crafts Orcutt	34	Timekeeper	Melrose
	Esther Margaret Crosby	30	Social Secretary	Cambridge
7	Frank Norman Poock	25	Machinist	Reading
	Mildred Virginia Manzi	25	Secretary	Malden
7	Arthur Merrill Randall	22	Filler	Reading
	Jeannette Margaret Davis	20	Nurse	Reading
8	Henry Hyman Stone	32	Foreman	Reading
	Bertha Rosenberg	23	Stenographer	Chelsea
8	Carl Vivace, Jr.	25	Truck Driver	Beverly
	Norma Arnold Vasey	20	Waitress	Reading
11	William Charles Woodside	22	Insurance Clerk	Melrose
	Bernice Eleanor Terhune	24	Stenographer	Reading
14	William Herbert Wright	26	Ensign U.S. Navy	Wellesley Hills
	Ruth Freeman Grover	22	Teacher	Reading
14	Frank Dodge Davis	21	Clerk	Reading
	Ruth Clifford Henderson	22	Upholstery Work	North Easton
14	Herbert Raymond Smith	22	Student	Albany, N. Y.
	Marjorie Hale Morss	19	Student	Reading
15	Allan Whittemore Franz	22	Student Minister	Wilmington
	Doris Gertrude Phillips	24	At Home	Reading
20	Benjamin Franklin Crosby	22	Salesman	Reading
	Martha Catherine Harvey	20	Stenographer	Dorchester
20	Albertus Andrew Young	30	Sponger	Reading
	Alice Martha Ferrie	20	Seamstress	Reading
20	Anthony James Concannon	23	Shipping Clerk	Melrose
	Mary Anne Martin	22	At Home	Reading
21	Ernest Alfred Lister	25	Economist	Washington, D. C.
	Elizabeth Hardwick	26	Clerk	Reading
21	Paul Emery Herrick	25	Bank Clerk	Beverly
	Edith Mary Bryden	24	Bookkeeper	Reading
22	Robert Archibald Curtis	24	Salesman	Reading
	Arlene Augusta Young	21	Clerk	Belmont
28	Alexander James White	23	Turret Lathe Oper.	Reading
	Mary Phyllis Harper	21	Machine Operator	W. Medford
28	Earl E. Durkee	23	Foreman	North Reading
	Thelma A. Johns	21	Att. Nurse	North Reading

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June				
28	Almon Allard	29	Mech. Engineer	Reading
	Christine Carter	23	Teacher	Wilmington
28	Trueman Courtland Walters	36	Dept. Manager	Boston
	Vivian Doris Allmon	35	Clerk	Reading
28	Walter Myers Fowler	34	Real Estate	Reading
	Dorothy Louise Wade	29	Bank Clerk	Andover
29	Raymond Alton Mack	29	Clerk	North Reading
	Marion Geraldine Wright	24	Telephone Operator	Reading
29	Vincent Joseph Petrucci	34	Music Teacher	Winthrop
	Barbara Frances Knight	29	Teacher	Reading
29	Forest Edward MacLean	28	Salesman	Reading
	Helen Marion Hodges	30	Teacher	Winchester
29	Northrup Wilfred Marr	24	Steel Treater	Reading
	Pearl Louise Thompson	20	At Home	No. Weymouth
30	Curtis Beach	27	Minister	West Newton
	Helen Ruth Burnett Stewart	26	School Teacher	Reading
July				
2	Harold Frank Crunden	69	Retired	Oak Park, Ill.
	Frances Jane (Parsons) Larsen	65	At Home	Glen Ellyn, Ill.
3	Loring Hodges Hemenway	21	Warehouse Empl'ee	Glenside, Pa.
	Patricia Alice Taylor	20	Cosmetician	Providence, R. I.
3	Sherman P. Lester	24	U. S. Army	Reading
	Gertrude Carpenter	25	Stenographer	Roxbury
3	Oliver E. Doyle	20	Mechanic	No. Reading
	Constance F. Carder	18	Tel. Oper.	No. Reading
3	Marvin Elmer Nicholson	24	Press Operator	Reading
	Clara Ellen McLeod	24	At Home	Reading
4	William Dean Sommers	22	Surveying Eng.	Pulaski, Va.
	Jean Alice Layton	20	Alterations	Woburn
5	Herbert Alan Buttrick	25	Clerk	Reading
	Rhoda Winnifred Strong	22	Interior Decorator	Lynnfield
5	Richard Brooks Goddard	27	Salesman	Reading
	Alice Lillian Cooper	20	Shuttle Worker	Hopedale
5	Raymond Odenwald Doane	21	Machinist	Boston
	Muriel Mossman Arthur	19	Typist	Reading
9	Silas Raynor Smith	23	Minister	Salem, Oregon
	Phyllis Elizabeth Comey	23	At Home	Reading

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July				
12	John Otto Echert	23	Chemist	Greenwood
	Shirley Day	22	Telephone Operator	Reading
12	Leo James Barry	29	Teacher	Danvers
	Mary Elizabeth Devaney	26	Teacher	Reading
12	Raymond Frederick Hopkinson	21	Laborer	Billerica
	Olive Louise Skane	18	Factory Worker	Reading
13	Henry Francis Bloom	32	Pipe Fitter	Reading
	Dorothy Isabella Bodwell	33	Librarian	Reading
19	Willis H. Glidden	34	Checker	Wilmington
	Dorothy A. Jenkins	30	Teacher	Wilmington
20	Raymond Vincent Doucette	20	Painter	Reading
	Grace Marie Talbot	19	At Home	Wakefield
26	Englas Warren Crafts	60	Trainman	Reading
	Mary Ozilda Bourque (Babin)	46	At Home	Melrose
27	Edwin Thomas Reagan	34	U. S. Army	Stoneham
	Hilda Grace Crosby	27	Clerk	Reading
August				
2	Charles Robert Heselton	28	U. S. Army	Reading
	Margaret Frances Banks	24	Clerk	Lexington
2	John James Phelan	25	Lawyer	No. Andover
	Capitola Elizabeth Mulligan	25	Bank Clerk	Reading
4	Maynard Bertram Schwab	32	Auto Mechanic	Reading
	Edith Frances Dooley	36	Tel. Operator	Melrose
11	Douglas Wiley	24	U. S. Army	Reading
	Marion Elizabeth Jewell	23	Waitress	Reading
14	Edward Joseph Gascoigne	29	Treasurer and Clerk	Reading
	Frances Purdy	31	Service Rep.	Wakefield
17	Wallace Linwood Dunningham	21	R. R. Fireman	Reading
	Ruth Elinor Spear	21	Clerk	Reading
17	Robert Anthony Demlea	13	Laborer	Everett
	Helen Louise Arsenault	23	Salesgirl	Reading
23	Winslow Fogg Blake	24	Salesman	Somerville
	Ruth Albee	24	Stenographer	Reading

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August				
23	Francis Ralph La Fond	34	Shipper	Melrose
	Grace Virginia Curtis Hammond	24	Salesgirl	Reading
23	Richard Francis Dugan	20	U. S. Army	Reading
	Ritalee Ruth LeFave	15	Student	Reading
23	Albin W. N. Swanson	33	Bank Clerk	Abington
	Eunice Margaret Condon	28	Bookkeeper	Reading
25	Melbourne Clement Noel	34	Insurance Clerk	Reading
	Ruth Wesson Williams	26	Insurance	Melrose Hlds.
30	Albert Dulong	49	Painter	Wakefield
	Agnes Elizabeth Doucette (Gaudette)	52	Housework	Reading
September				
4	Leo Marchetti	37	Clerk	Reading
	Rose Antonio Sorrenti	28	Housework	Beverly
6	Milton John Rich	35	Accountant	N. Y. City
	Violante E. Duarte	26	Tel. Operator	Reading
7	William Joseph Carney	25	Rubber Worker	Reading
	Edith Phyllis Brown	20	Sales Clerk	Reading
7	Attilio Thomas Tassi	21	Shoe Worker	Woburn
	Helen Mary Robbins	19	At Home	Reading
12	Richard Francis Hoyt	24	Mach. Operator	Reading
	Barbara Jewett	25	Clerk	Reading
13	John Edward Doucette	29	Rubberworker	Reading
	Ruth Louise Tooley	19	Hairdresser	Reading
13	Henry Gilbert Allen	30	Chemist	Malden
	Pauline Strickland	20	At Home	Reading
13	Earl Wolcott Hobart	25	U. S. Army	Reading
	Thelma Doris Mitchell	22	Clerk	Melrose Hlds.
13	George Harry Watson	26	Book Binder	Reading
	Mildred Dora West	21	Machine Operator	Stoneham
14	Walter Warren Stickland	26	U. S. Army	Reading
	Marion Florence Roberts	24	Secretary	Reading
19	Kenneth Dorr Sumner	19	Addressograph Op.	Stoneham
	Barbara Elaine Cleveland	19	Bookkeeper	Reading
22	Francis Raymond Manning	41	Asst. Ind. Shop Mgr.	Reading
	Irene Marie Houlihan	33	Bookkeeper	Wakefield

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
September				
27	James Nelson Boyd	24	Sub. P. O. Clerk	Reading
	June Eleanor Clark	27	Clerk	Reading
27	George Norton Murray	53	Shipping Clerk	Athol
	Myttie Mildred McKellips (Millett)	45	Toolworker	Athol
27	Daniel M. Harrington	24	Carpenter	Reading
	Clara M. Brodley	26	Secretary	Lowell
27	John Trueman McLeod	35	Laborer	Reading
	Cynthia Joan McCoy	16	At Home	Reading
October				
3	John Henry Johnston	34	Lumbering	Medfield
	Harriet Ola Foster	26	Att. Nurse	Medfield
4	Charles Leroy Malatesta	21	Box Maker	Wilmington
	Marion Crowell Bassett	20	At Home	Reading
4	Richard Woodbury Gonnam	22	Accountant	Reading
	Florence Emilia Englund	28	Artist	Reading
4	Charles Russell Miller	26	Clerk	Rockville Ctr., N. Y.
	Janet Parker Boyle	24	Interior Dec.	Reading
4	Albert S. Lord	23	Machinist	No. Reading
	Grace F. Keaney	22	At Home	No. Reading
5	Paul Oliver Petzold	19	Machinist's Helper	Reading
	Gertrude Louise Barry	20	Hairdresser	Winthrop
5	Harold George Michitson	31	Candy Maker	Reading
	Anna Marie Ciccarelli	22	At Home	Cambridge
6	Gordon Bradford Pettingell	22	Machinist	Manchester, Conn.
	Emma Mae Hoffman	18	At Home	Reading
7	Francis Armington Fisher	25	Engineer	Dover
	Elizabeth Ann Gammons	23	Secretary	Reading
10	Harley Freeland Mansfield	24	R. R. Brakeman	Reading
	Alice Mabelle Jackson	21	Lamp Worker	Salem
11	Marwood A. Crozier	27	Machinist	Malden
	Alice C. Spinney	22	Clerk	Malden
12	Robert Cummings Blaikie	21	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Alma Elizabeth Putnam	20	Clerk	Reading

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October				
12	James Ellis Melendy	31	Painter	Stoneham
	Mildred Louise Lorgeree	20	Clerk	Reading
12	Alan Dean Honey	22	U. S. Army	Reading
	Nancy Lee Sargent	19	Student	No. Plainfield, N. J.
18	Donald Chase Wescott	27	Clerk of Police	Reading
	Dorothy Margaret Snow	25	Waitress	Reading
18	Charles Edwin Hayes	33	Clerk	Reading
	Eleanor May Downs	34	Clerk	Andover
19	Eugene Howard Herrick	21	Postal Clerk	Rangeley, Me.
	Winnifred Jennie Keating	23	Teacher	Reading
20	Edward Carl Nordstrom	26	Machinist	Saugus
	Gertrude Elizabeth (Doucette) McIntire	27	Laundry Worker	Reading
23	Ralph Donald Gillette	19	Starter	Boston
	Virginia Jewell Aldrich	23	At Home	Reading
25	Clifford Shedd Mansfield	27	Construc. Eng.	Lynnfield
	Barbara Elizabeth Sullivan	25	Dietician	Reading
25	Clarence R. Walker	47	Crossing Tender	No. Reading
	Helen E. Smith (Wilbur)	35	Nurse	No. Reading
25	William Morgan Fowler	23	Mechanic	Wakefield
	Eleanor Louise Brennan	24	Tel. Operator	Reading
25	Reginald Wentworth Roscoe	28	Foreman	Reading
	Erma Christine Keddie	26	At Home	Malden
26	George Alfred Chesley	29	Rigger	Wakefield
	Ruth Forslind	27	At Home	Reading
26	Frank Cacciola	23	Millman	Wakefield
	Gladys Adaline Smith	22	Shoeworker	Reading
28	Francis T. Loury	21	Cook	Andover
	Bertha Lovell	19	Sales	Andover
November				
1	Henry Alvah Lyman	32	Mechanic	Reading
	Grace Winnifred (Mew) Scott	29	Soda Clerk	Melrose

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
November				
1	Michael Samuel Del Rossi	22	U. S. Army	Wakefield
	Rita Mary Toussaint	19	Factory Worker	Reading
7	John Francis Enos	22	Laborer	Reading
	Marjorie Louise Muse	20	Student Nurse	Wakefield
8	Henry Oliver Doucette	48	Salesman	No. Wilmington
	Doris Smith Parker	39	Clerk	Reading
9	Henry Theodore Bernard	28	Machinist	Jamaica Plain
	Gladys May Frotten	20	At Home	Reading
9	Frank Bean Dinsmore	21	Clerk	Reading
	Gladys May Muir	17	At Home	Reading
11	Paul Dana Doucette	19	Plumber	Reading
	Mary Boudreau	21	Housekeeper	Greenwood
15	Eugene Louis Bangs	31	Truckman	Reading
	Muriel Marsh (Hagerman)	31	Waitress	Boston
16	Richards Charles Jones	24	Machinist	Stoneham
	Gladys Mae Blodgett (Bragg)	25	Waitress	Reading
20	William Charles Randall	24	Mechanic	Reading
	Shirley Hanscom Brown	24	Stenographer	Reading
20	Hubert Rinaldo Herrick	28	R. R. Exp. Employee	Malden
	Mary Elizabeth Blier	21	Stitcher	Reading
20	Joseph Nunzio Fierro	21	Steel Metal Worker	Reading
	Edith Marion Florence	17	At Home	Reading
21	William Henry Van Horn	57	Fireman	Reading
	Jennie Evelyn Hilts (Logan)	49	At Home	Reading
23	Harold Alfred Melendy	20	Trackman	Reading
	Lulu Pearl Johnson	18	At Home	Melrose
26	William Leroy Gordon	27	U. S. Navy	Salt Lake City, Utah
	Grace Elizabeth Ricker	29	Secretary	Reading
26	Clarence Bumstead Higgins	23	Ensign U. S. Navy	Hingham
	Earline Boyce Brown	22	Secretary	Reading
28	Carl E. Holden	26	U. S. M. C.	Reading
	Inez Mancinelli	24	Stitcher	Wakefield
29	Arnett Gunnar Dahlquist	26	Pipe Fitter	Reading
	Helen Delene Bonenfant	23	Mach. Operator	East Lynn
29	Thomas Louis Quessy	35	Demonstrator	Medford
	Viola Matilda Martin	30	Clerk	Reading

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
December				
4	Rawson A. Lufkin	64	Real Estate	Everett
	Blanche Clay	64	Housewife	Everett
5	Archibald J. A. McMillan	22	Mechanic	Reading
	Aileen A. Herrick	20	Bookkeeper	No. Reading
12	Frederick Cleverly Morgan	21	Optician	Arlington
	Elizabeth Jane Coan	19	Secretary	Reading
13	Donald Blaisdell	22	Electrical Engineer	Reading
	Anita E. Robinson	20	At Home	Bangor, Me.
20	Harold Francis Davis	23	Dairy Worker	Reading
	Ruth Sigrid Barker	21	At Home	Arlington
23	Norman Robert White	23	U. S. Army	Reading
	Priscilla Runnals Hathom	20	Student	Dover Foxcroft, Me.
25	Robert Uriel Chanonhouse	24	Mach. Operator	Reading
	Elizabeth Jewett	23	Typist	Reading
25	Wilfred George Landry	27	Clerk	Reading
	Mary Florence Burbine	21	Stenographer	Reading
25	Robert Emmett Curran	25	Salesman	Boston
	Mary Theresa Hutchinson	20	Clerk	Reading
26	Albert Henry Critchett	25	U. S. Army	Melrose
	Carmella Eugenia Cannuli	20	Typist	Reading
27	Paul Ferdinand Rylander	24	U. S. Army	Reading
	Hazel Frances Steele	25	Clerk	Reading
27	John William Sweeney	27	U. S. Army	Woburn
	Rita Veronica Trainor	22	At Home	Reading
27	Daniel J. Scott, Jr.	26	U. S. Army	No. Reading
	Charlotte Balbou Taylor	25	Tel. Operator	Reading
27	Lawrence W. Emery	26	Student	Reading
	Virginia Moulton	22	Student	Bangor, Me.
28	William Miles O'Donnell	21	U. S. Army	Reading
	Roberta Elizabeth Smith	18	Typist	Reading
31	Frank William Harper	27	U. S. Army	Wakefield
	Lillias Georgia Moore	25	Housekeeper	Reading
31	Stuart Franklin Taylor	29	U. S. Army	Reading
	Dorothy Elizabeth Pratt	26	Clerk	Reading

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Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
October 4, 1940					
	Victoria A. (Robinson) Roberts	93	3	16	Coronary Occlusion
December 27, 1940					
	Thomas Kewley	81	—	—	Broncho Pneumonia
January					
1	Henrietta (Balson) Knight	86	1	6	Broncho Pneumonia
2	Mary E. (Cuneo) Emerson	65	10	20	Pulmonary Embolism
3	Gertrude N. (Richardson) Bailey	72	—	21	Coronary Thrombosis
8	Mary Agnes (Daily) Harrow	59	6	2	Heart Disease
8	Harland P. Pratt	94	10	15	Myocarditis
9	Maretta W. (Wiggin) Emerson	66	—	—	Chronic Myocarditis
13	Laura M. (Maxwell) Parker	82	4	26	Carcinoma
13	Jemima S. (Ninmo) Robertson	90	5	2	Myocarditis
15	John Dennison Knowlton	80	1	24	Coronary Thrombosis
15	Fannie C. (Abbott) Pindar	90	6	28	Broncho Pneumonia
16	William L. Montgomery	70	11	27	Cancer of Prostrate
18	John O'Brien	71	—	—	Accidental Burns
18	George E. Dodge	79	7	11	Broncho Pneumonia
19	Mary E. (Sharp) Kemp	81	—	6	Broncho Pneumonia
20	Walter Baker	87	—	—	Broncho Pneumonia
22	Jennie O. (Curran) Albee	87	—	5	Chronic Myocarditis
25	Harriet A. (Clement) Parker	84	6	11	Myocarditis
26	Annie J. (Frotten) McKinley	83	8	26	Chronic Myocarditis
27	Margaret (Collins) Halloran	73	—	—	Heart Disease
31	Hattie I. (Dearborn) Legro	61	11	15	Coronary Thrombosis
February					
1	Martha A. (Moseley) Corrie	86	11	23	Hypostatic Pneumonia
2	Hattie L. (Porter) Johnson	81	5	16	Arterio Sclerosis
6	John A. Frossard	82	—	—	Myocarditis
9	Ora L. Milbury	76	10	3	Endocarditis
16	Michael Cashman	74	7	9	Heart Disease
19	Abbie M. Spinney	83	8	16	Carcinoma

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Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
February					
19	Singleton	—	—	—	Stillborn
21	Hatfield	—	—	—	Stillborn
23	Stephen Geary	79	—	—	Broncho Pneumonia
24	Martin Luther King	97	10	3	Primary Bronchial Pneumonia
25	Hardy Ober Copeland	90	1	14	Myocarditis
25	Lester Karr Daniels	55	5	20	Thrombosis
28	Edwin C. Hanscom	82	2	17	Bullet wound in head
28	Manuel A. Silva	54	—	—	Peritonitis
March					
2	Edward H. Stanley	44	7	—	Brain Tumor
3	Orel H. Towle	66	11	8	Chronic Nephritis
6	Mary (Donovan) Conefy	54	—	—	Heart Disease
7	Jonathan T. Howard	77	11	6	Pulmonary Edema
10	Alice H. Morrison	68	6	4	Coronary Thrombosis
18	Welhelmine H. (Holden) Staniford	68	2	26	Coronary Thrombosis
18	Amos Robbins	78	3	9	Pulmonary Edema
23	Henry Mooney	73	7	13	Arterio Sclerosis
25	Jessie C. (Bearse) Horton	75	3	14	Myocarditis
April					
2	Hattie B. (Brooks) Erickson	69	5	27	Coronary Thrombosis
10	Frank Lyman Bradford	64	5	6	Carcinoma
11	Elbridge F. Gerry	90	3	18	Arterio Sclerosis
15	Addie L. (Frost) Wilcox	78	10	2	Coronary Sclerosis
16	Elmer B. Lincoln	56	8	21	Suicide
17	Irving Vose Messinger	56	4	3	Pulmonary Embolism
20	Cyrus Wayland Nelson	77	6	20	Heart Disease
23	Vestina P. (Converse) Skilton	84	8	2	Cerebral Hemorrhage
25	Hattie A. Wetherbee	73	1	21	Carcinoma
26	James A. Doucette	63	8	10	Carcinoma
30	Myra C. (Cook) Paine	78	4	2	Coronary Thrombosis
May					
6	John Patrick Riordan	60	7	19	Heart Disease
8	Ella M. (Melendy) Choate	85	6	18	Arterio Sclerosis

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Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
May					
12	Albert E. Temple	68	11	28	Carcinoma of Pancreas
12	Nicholas W. Halloran	42	10	6	Heart Disease
17	Clarence Seymour Smith	67	1	17	Cerebral Hemorrhage
17	Agart W. Bergquist	52	2	22	Carbon Monoxide Poisoning
17	Ernest L. Thornquist	52	10	8	Carcinoma
18	Eleanora (Schwartztauber) Crowe	48	10	16	Heart Disease
19	E. Kenneth Lang	40	—	—	Cirrhosis of Liver
19	Frank Dawson Forbes	49	9	19	Spinal Meningitis
20	Edward W. Perry	73	—	7	Coronary Thrombosis
23	William E. Cail	83	8	7	Lobar Pneumonia
24	Fannie (Parsons) White	66	—	—	Arterio Sclerosis
27	Annie M. (Brooks) Rowell	66	11	23	Coronary Thrombosis
27	Jennie B. (Walker) Spavin	52	7	6	Uremia
June					
6	Mary (Washburn) Parkinson	86	10	13	Arterio Sclerosis
13	Arnold	—	—	—	Stillborn
14	Judith Dahl Middleton	—	—	—	Intrauterine Asphyxia
15	Walter Augustus Jacobs	64	4	4	Chronic Myocarditis
18	Mary (Richards) Perry	59	—	—	Tuberculosis of kidneys
18	Julia P. (Philips) Ide	77	4	12	Cerebral Hemorrhage
22	Neal Roberts	15	11	6	Accidental Drowning
26	Margeson	—	—	—	Asphyxia Intrauterine
28	Katie (Gill) Ford	66	7	—	Carcinomatosis
28	Nellie E. (Murray) Frossard	81	—	—	Arterio Sclerosis
July					
7	Amy L. (Turner) Brotherton	86	8	22	Hemorrhage from fall
8	Helen P. (Norton) Mellen	36	—	15	Atrophy of Liver
9	Patrick Francis O'Neil	79	—	—	Coronary Sclerosis
11	Edna M. (Davidson) Bowron	50	1	23	Hodgkins Disease
17	Constance (Doughty) Sandywell	51	6	17	Automobile Accident
18	Constance A. Shipp	15	9	19	Fracture of skull

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Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
July					
19	Walter E. Richardson	80	—	10	Hypertrophied Prostate
21	Grace S. (Gifford) Estes	49	1	8	Mitral Stenosis
22	Laura B. (Barr) Hutchinson	52	10	26	Cerebral Hemorrhage
24	Arthur E. Skinner	59	8	12	Bronchogenic Carcinoma
August					
2	Irving A. Caswell	86	0	7	Coronary Occlusion
10	Hattie Alice (Parsons) Teele	82	9	26	Intestinal Obstruction
12	Charles Burns	52	11	6	Cardio Vascular Dis.
14	Augustine Ives	80	2	14	Myocarditis
16	Boyd Williams Allen	76	2	16	Coronary Thrombosis
19	Rose P. (Paton) Briscoe	70	—	—	Chronic Nephritis
24	George L. Franklin	63	9	22	Cerebral Hemorrhage
29	Robert Donald Burgess	28	5	6	Pneumonia
31	Mary J. (Cuneo) Deferrari	57	—	—	Astroblastoma
September					
3	Anna (McClellan) Stevens	76	9	4	Arterio Sclerosis
4	Arthur D. Gordon	81	4	19	Carcinoma of Colon
8	Sara M. (MacLean) Middlemas	77	11	10	Cerebral Embolism
9	Osborne	—	—	—	Stillborn
22	Dexter H. Byam	82	11	24	Chronic Myocarditis
23	William J. F. Hennessy	19	2	10	Rheumatic Heart Dis.
24	Sie H. Kuchera	30	1	29	Cardio Vascular Dis.
October					
1	Sarkis Panosian	61	—	—	Coronary Heart Dis.
3	Charles Hildreth	81	5	—	Cardiac Decompensation
9	Burhoe	—	—	—	Anencephalus
11	Sarah Ann (McCabour) Powers	78	8	29	Cardio Vascular Dis.
11	Herbert Joseph Heselton	—	8	23	Broncho Pneumonia
12	Charles W. Collins	49	1	17	Coronary Thrombosis
17	Maude M. (Manley) Hughes	39	2	25	Melanosarcoma
20	Richards	—	—	—	Prematurity
22	Edward A. Smith	85	6	4	Arterio Sclerosis
24	John A. Muse	89	—	—	Broncho Pneumonia
25	Malon E. Brande	80	5	4	Carcinoma of Pancreas

DEATHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1941

Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
October					
27	Annette E. (Perkins) Huckins	74	4	8	Myocarditis
27	Joseph John Ferrie	52	10	21	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
27	Annie R. (Miner) Rogers	66	7	26	Uremia
31	John Nickolson	41	1	28	Killed by Train
31	Irving V. MacCaughey	41	1	28	Actinomycosis of lung
November					
1	James N. Stimpson	87	11	9	Coronary Thrombosis
2	Charles H. Anderson	65	11	15	Cachexia
8	Anna C. (Fellows) Cushing	84	1	30	Cerebral Hemorrhage
9	Edwin B. Greenyer	44	10	15	Coronary Thrombosis
10	William C. Smith	81	7	25	Coronary Thrombosis
12	George Clarkson	78	7	10	Heart Disease
18	Gertrude G. Ruggles	74	9	2	Cerebral Hemorrhage
20	Katharina Katzinger	45	4	22	Carcinoma of Cervix Uteri
21	John T. Foster	34	10	11	Tuberculosis of Lungs and Brain
21	Gardner A. Perry	46	—	15	Coronary Thrombosis
22	Francis Johnson	52	5	13	Broncho Pneumonia
23	Myrtie C. (Brown) Spaulding	66	8	14	Not Known
27	Eleanora (Goodwin) Day	61	10	8	Carcinoma of Cervix of Uteri
27	Hollis L. Riddle	67	9	14	Subacute Yellow Atrophy of Liver
December					
1	Clarence Leo Dulong	36	11	26	Heart Disease
1	Isabel D. Hewes	83	11	1	Carcinoma of Ovary
2	Frank Robert White	31	0	0	Carcinoma
4	George L. Doucette	67	7	17	Carcinoma of Stomach
11	Mary England	73	—	—	Carcinoma of Gall Bladder
16	Adalina Smith Ralston	53	—	18	Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease
19	Lucy Ann Johnson	83	2	19	Cerebral Thrombosis
22	John A. Geary	68	6	22	Accident
23	Jeannette A. W. Ramsay	88	10	26	Carcinoma of colon
24	Henry Alan Whitney	49	5	20	Cerebral Tumor
27	Newton Jaquith	77	—	19	Peritonitis

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK ON FISH AND GAME LICENSES ISSUED FOR 1941

205	Fishing Licenses @ $2.00	$ 410.00
135	Hunting Licenses @ $2.00	270.00
40	Sporting Licenses @ $3.25	130.00
31	Women's and Minors Licenses @ $1.25	38.75
1	Non Resident Fishing License @ $1.50	1.50
2	Minor Trapping Licenses @ $2.25	4.50
3	Trapping Licenses @ $5.25	15.75
2	Duplicate Licenses @ 50c	1.00
	Value of Licenses Issued	$ 871.50
	Less Fees to the Town	104.25
	Amount Paid Fish and Game Commission	$ 767.25

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK ON DOG LICENSES ISSUED IN 1941

517	Male Dogs Licensed @ $2.00	$ 1,034.00
73	Female Dogs Licensed @ $5.00	365.00
258	Spayed Female Dogs Licensed @ $2.00	516.00
6	Kennel Licenses @ $25.00	150.00
	Total Value of Licenses Issued	$ 2,065.00
	Less Fees to the Town	170.80
	Amount Paid County	$ 1,894.20

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK ON FEES PAID TO TOWN

Birth Certificates	$	78.50
Death Certificates		30.50
Marriage Licenses and Certificates		378.00
Mortgages and Discharges		337.10
Certificates of Residence		1.50
Dog License Transfers		1.00
Duplicate Dog Tags		2.00
Postage		.91
Affidavits		3.50
Certificates of Voters		16.75
Recording Lease		.50
Assignment Recorded		2.00
Recording Sales Contracts		7.35
Foreclosure Notice Recorded		.50
Gasoline Permits		22.50
Pole Locations Recorded		159.90
Business Certificates		6.50
Fees from Fish and Game Licenses		104.25
Fees from Dog Licenses		170.80
Total Fees to Town	$	1,324.06

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of the Town of Reading:

The annual report of the Board of Selectmen for the year ending December 31, 1941 is hereby submitted:

At a special meeting held March 4. 1941 the Board organized as follows:

Carl W. Goodridge, Chairman
Robert E. Fowle, Secretary
Herbert K. Miller

Leon G. Bent, Clerk

Meetings were held regularly on Monday evenings throughout the year. Special meetings were held from time to time as occasion required.

Appointments Made in 1941

Board of Registrars—Three years—Robert S. Ralston, §James H. Fleming.

Board of Appeal—Three years—Dudley B. Killam.

Associate Member Board of Appeal—Three years—Clifton S. Nichols.

W. P. A. Sponsor's Agent—Arthur C. Michelini.

Soldiers' Relief Agent—Charles W. H. Smith.

Sealer of Weights & Measures—Carl M. Smith.

Dog Officer—Charles H. Melendy.

Building Inspector—*A. Russell Barnes, §George H. Sidebottom.

Burial Agent, Soldiers' and Sailors'—Charles E. Tasney.

Custodian Soldiers' Graves—Harry A. Turner.

Keeper of the Lock Up—Jeremiah Cullinane.

Supt. Fire Alarm—Hugh L. Eames.

Inspector of Wires—Albert C. Maxwell.

Weighers of Coal and Hay—Thomas E. Brogan, Charles W. Lee, Mabel L. McKay, Bertha D. McLellan, Wendell B. Newell, Percy N. Sweetser, Henry C. Floyd.

Field Drivers—Ernest T. Wakefield, Adolph S. Larson, Edward E. Nichols.

Fence Viewers—Wendell B. Newell, Carl B. Sawyer, ‡Albert B. Temple.

* Resigned.
§ Appointed to fill vacancy.
‡ Deceased.

Committee on Elm Tree Protection—Andrew Christensen, Henry W. Donegan, John F. Sawyer.

Committee on Town Forests—O. O. Ordway.

Inspector of Animals—Bernard Schimpfke.

Game Warden—James T. Putnam.

Moth Superintendent—Maurice H. Donegan.

Commissioner of Trust Funds—Robert M. Brown.

Finance Committee—Three years—Wiliam S. Gregson, Frank D. Tanner, Robert M. Folsom, Herman M. Noyes, C. Lawrence Roberts.

Special Police Officers—John F. Maguire, Reading High School; Charles L. Cummings, Reading High School; William A. Lloyd, Lowell St. School; Edward Mc'Brien, Pearl St. School; Simon Castine, Pearl St. School; Walter Smith, Junior High School; Henry W. Bryden, Junior High School; Fred Reissle, Junior High School; James I. Healey, Highland School; W. Ray Yorks, Highland School; Leander Smith, Prospect St. and Chestnut Hill Schools; William H. Killam, Masonic Building; Frank F. Strout, Pumping Station; Ralph F. Plouff, William P. Pierpont, William H. Manning, Charles H. Melendy, ‡Gardner A. Perry; John Chase, Unitarian Church and Community Hall; Thomas F. Classen; Edward E. Harnden, Union St. Building; Arthur Michelini, Union St. Building; Charles L. Gowing, Reading Theater; William Slack, Town Dump; J. Edward Black, J. Winthrop Sias, George O'Keefe, George W. Hall; Frederick W. Burns, Town Forest; Charles E. Langdon, Security Hall and Odd Fellows Hall; H. Harvey Quigley, Funerals; M. Russell Meikle, Reading Rifle and Revolver Club; William N. Richards, Baptist Church and First National Bank; Charles A. Benner, Traffic Lights Salem and Pearl Sts.; Jacob C. Nielson, Skating Ponds; William H. Miller, Hugh L. Eames; Henry Ballou, Municipal Building and Library Grounds; John J. Keenan, Reading Theater.

Police Department

The Board had the unpleasant duty of removing two police officers and suspending another during the year. The cases were carried through the courts and the Board was sustained in its decisions in all cases. On July 24, 1941 Arthur M. Curtin and Joseph M. Green, Reserve Officers, were appointed to the vacancies on the regular force.

At a Special Town Meeting held December 1st, 1941 it was voted on recommendation of the Selectmen, to abolish the Reserve Police Force. The Board recommends that inasmuch as the three remaining officers on the Reserve Force are doing and have done for several years the work of a regular police officer that they be placed on the Regular Force at once.

‡Deceased.

Following the custom established several years ago a new cruising car was purchased to take the place of the one which was two years old.

Ambulance

A charge for the use of the ambulance became effective on March 1, 1941. Considerable reduction in the number of calls has been made over a like period in the preceding year. An amount of $257.00 has been turned back to the Treasurer for the use of the ambulance. This reduction in the number of calls greatly reduces the time taken out of the work of the police officers and allows them to perform their regular duties with less interruption.

Fire Department

All equipment is in excellent condition and no requests for additional apparatus are contemplated.

Serious consideration must be given by the Town to providing two regular firemen who will be assigned as permanent men to Engine 2 on Woburn Street.

Tree and Moth Departments

Owing to the several home development projects in the Town, a greater demand than usual has been made for shade trees.

The Tree and Moth Departments have been aided materially the past year by the W. P. A. in the work of tree surgery and moth extermination.

Traffic and Parking

Complaints are still being received in regard to speeding throughout the Town. The police officers have been active but with the large area to cover and the limited number of officers available, especially in the morning hours when the officers are protecting the school children, the situation is not in hand as well as the Board would desire. Residents of the Town could help the situation materially by cutting down their own speed.

The parking situation still remains unsatisfactory. The Board is studying a proposition placed before them by the Reading Board of Trade of providing a parking space in back of the stores on the west side of Main Street.

W. P. A.

The Town has received much benefit through the many W. P. A. projects carried on throughout the year. The largest project undertaken was the drainage on the east side of the town.

One of the outstanding projects planned for the year 1942 is that of the completion of Forest Glen Cemetery. When the southerly section is completed the Catholic Church is to request the Town for a section of this area. This will mean immediate and additional revenue to the Town.

Civilian Defense

With the Pearl Harbor disaster of December 7, 1941, the defense program took on a new significance. As has always been the case in community affairs Reading is among the forerunners and now can boast of over one thousand in its organization.

The divisions are somewhat as follows with more enlistments all the while.

Auxiliary Police 100, Auxiliary Firemen 50, Women's Defense Corps 250, Rir Raid Wardens 325, Boy Scouts 125, Airplane Observers 110. Health Units 65, Service, Supplies and Planning 50, Public Works 65, Public Utilities 65, and Gas Decontamination and Rescue Parties 100.

Most of these are trained or being trained and the main problem now is to co-ordinate the various groups and practice air raid alarms are to be held.

To carry on this program $8,280.00 was appropriated on December 29, 1941 at a Special Town Meeting, and the various budgets are being spent under the supervision of your Board.

Town Forest

On November 21, 1941 the Town Forest suffered a severe fire and about 35,000 trees were lost. Many of these trees were the first ones planted at the Forest eleven years ago.

The Town employs one man in the Town Forest most of the year and he has done excellent work in preserving the trees.

The Board wishes to express its appreciation for the co-operation of all Boards, officials and employees during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL W. GOODRIDGE, Chairman
ROBERT E. FOWLE, Secretary
HERBERT K. MILLER
Board of Selectmen

MIDDLESEX COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE

The following is a report of some of the activities of the Middlesex County Extension Service in the Town of Reading during the year 1941:

General information was sent out to those people interested in gardening and fruit growing. A talk was given before the Reading Garden Club. Through the Metropolitan Reading Poultry Association, assistance was given to the poultrymen of the town in planning their programs, in addition, many farm visits were made to assist individual poultrymen on disease control, brooding and rearing chicks and poultry farm management. Mr. William Johnson has been President of the Poultry Association and he has also served on the County Poultry Committee.

A series of meetings of interest to homemakers was held on food preservation, clothing construction and food preparation. Single meetings were also held on better home lighting and Christmas gift suggestions.

Five boys and girls 4-H clubs were organized during the year, with a total enrollment of thirty-four. Mrs. Howard Perley served as chairman, with Miss Annie Poock and Mrs. Henry W. Camp making up the committee. Local leaders were: Mrs. John O'Brien, Mrs. Lois Connor, Mrs. Walter Connor, Mrs. H. Perley, Miss Hermeana Hopkins, Mr. Alvin Call and Mr. John McKinnon. A boys' club, known as the Doughboys, won first prize at the identification contest at the Wakefield Rally of club members. In the spring, an exhibit was held at which time several girls received blue ribbons for the dresses they had made. Eleanor McLeod won a blue ribbon in the county dress contest. Prizes donated by the Reading Garden Club and Mr. Arthur F. Hopkins for excellent boys' and girls' gardens were awarded to Shirley Magison, Lawrence Poole and Ann David.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF READING, MASSACHUSETTS

For the Year ended December 31,

1941

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

School Committee

Ralph W. Allen, 211 Summer Ave.	Term expires 1942
Miss Margaret Canty, 67 Mineral St.	Term expires 1942
Norman L. Duncan, 54 Longview Rd.	Term expires 1943
Mrs. Esther D. Twombly, 47 Highland St.	Term expires 1943
Irving C. Austin, Chairman, 180 Prescott St.	Term expires 1944
Bernard L. Maxwell, 24 Highland St.	Term expires 1944

School Committee Office

Grouard House, 25 School St. Telephones Reading 0180; 0059
Open daily, 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. Saturday, 9:00 a. m. to 12 m.
Vacations, 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.

Superintendent of Schools

Elbridge C. Grover, 6 Pine Ridge Rd. Tel. Res. 0479; Office 0180; 0059

Secretary to Superintendent

Ruth C. Roberts, 118 Prescott St. Tel. Res. 0565-M; Office 0180; 0059

School Committee Clerk

Helen M. Pratt, 47 Mt. Vernon St. Tel. Res. 0117-M; Office 0180; 0059

Visiting Teacher and Supervisor of Attendance

Jean F. Ramsay, 848 Main St. Tel. Res. 1300; Office 1475

School Physician

Dr. Charles R. Henderson, 220 Woburn St. Telephone 0580

School Nurse

Margaret B. Clewley, 131 Pleasant St., Woburn
Tel. Res. 0316; Office 1475

NO SCHOOL SIGNALS

Fire alarm 2-2 repeated three times.

Street lights turned on for five minutes.

Radio announcement when possible over WNAC and WEEI between 7:00 and 7:45 a. m.

7:15 a. m. for Senior High School.

7:30 a. m. for Junior High School.

7:45 a. m. for Grades 1—6 inclusive, morning session.

12:30 p. m. for Grades 1—6 inclusive, afternoon session.

EVEN WHEN THERE HAS BEEN NO SCHOOL IN THE MORNING FOR THE FIRST SIX GRADES, THERE WILL BE SCHOOL IN THE AFTERNOON UNLESS THE NO-SCHOOL SIGNAL IS GIVEN.

High School sessions will be called off only in cases of extremely severe weather or other emergencies. None of the schools will be closed except in severe weather, but it is hoped that parents will at all times use discretion as to whether their children should attend, even when the schools are in session.

SCHOOL CLINICS

Dental, Wednesday and Friday at the Grouard House, 9-12 and 1-4.

Pre-School, at the Town Building, Room 19, every Tuesday, 2-4 p. m.

Tuberculosis Prevention, annually by announcement.

Diphtheria Prevention, annually by announcement.

SCHOOL JANITORS

High School:

John Maguire, 61 Vine St.	Telephone: 0281-J
Charles Cummings, 22 Haven St.	
Mary J. Kennedy, 1 Fulton St.	

Junior High School:

Henry W. Bryden, 64 Village St.	1567-W
Walter Smith, 36 Temple St.	1445-M
Fred Riessle, 10 King St.	1617-M
Agnes Hurley, 23 King St.	

School Janitors Continued

Highland School:

James L. Healey, 201 West St.	0047-M
William Ray Yorks, 16 Track Rd.	
Emma Tibbets, 65 Grove St.	1672-W

Pearl St. School:

Edward McBrien, 213 Forest St.	0228
Simon A. Castine, 21 Green St.	

Prospect St. and Chestnut Hill Schools:

Leander Smith, 193 High St.	1325

Lowell St. School:

William A. Lloyd, 128 Bancroft Ave.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

January, 1942 to June, 1943, Inclusive

Schools open	January 5, 1942
Winter Vacation week of	February 22, 1942
Spring Vacation week of	April 19, 1942
Schools close for summer	June 19, 1942

Schools open	September 9, 1942
No Sessions:	
Columbus Day	October 12, 1942
Teachers' Convention	October 30, 1942
Armistice Day	November 11, 1942

Thanksgiving Recess from noon November 25, 1942 to November 30, 1942
Christmas Vacation from end of regular sessions December 23, 1942 to January 4, 1943

Winter Vacation week of	February 21, 1943
Spring Vacation week of	April 18, 1943
No Sessions:	
Memorial Day	May 31, 1943
Bunker Hill Day	June 17, 1943
Schools close for summer	June 25, 1943

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of the Town of Reading, the School Committee submits its annual report:

This past year we were able to maintain our schools on our budget without adding any new equipment beyond necessities and to return to the Town $10.55. For several years, W. P. A. work has helped materially in our expenses for upkeep, but this year no W. P. A. help was available.

Now that we are at war, we may expect a decrease in our High School attendance, although our Elementary schools continue to show an increase. We may also expect that there will be heavier demands on our teaching staff and a larger use of many of our schools for the various defense and Government needs in relation to war projects.

As you will see in the Superintendent's Report, we are taking all measures possible for the safety and protection of the children during any emergency.

With all the extra activities necessary at this time, we are still maintaining our policy of including in our budget only the items needed for our usual maintenance. With an advance in price on all supplies, it is natural that our budget will show some increase. Also, there is the need of temporary adjustment in pay to take care of the present increase in living costs.

On March 12, Dr. Charles R. Wakeling resigned from the Committee, after serving the schools for eight years. On April 21, Ralph W. Allen was appointed to fill the vacancy. The terms of Ralph W. Allen and Miss Margaret Canty expire this year.

RALPH W. ALLEN
IRVING C. AUSTIN, Chm.
MARGARET S. CANTY
NORMAN L. DUNCAN
BERNARD L. MAXWELL
ESTHER D. TWOMBLY

RECEIPTS NOT FROM TAX LEVY — SHOWING NET COST TO TOWN

Appropriation and Transfers 1941			Expended & Receipts 1941	
		General Account:		
$241,218.50		Total Expenditure		$240,833.97
		Receipts:		
	$ 17,500.00	State Reimbursement on Teachers	$ 17,587.40	
	5,733.00	Outstanding Tuition Bills		
	15,265.50	Tuition	14,351.62	
38,698.50	200.00	Sundry	226.85	32,165.87
$202,520.00		NET COST TO TOWN		$208,668.10
		School Lunches:		
$ 10,000.00		Receipts		$ 10,771.50
10,000.00		Expenditures		10,000.00
		NET COST TO TOWN		.....
		NET GAIN TO TOWN		$ 771.50
		Industrial Tuition:		
$ 1,000.00		Total Expenditure		$ 976.67
		Receipts:		
316.99		State Reimbursement		308.11
$ 613.01		NET COST TO TOWN		$ 668.56

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET — 1941

Appro. & Transfers 1941		Expended 1941
	SALARIES:	
$172,054.11	Supt. and Teachers	$172,054.11
1,120.90	Substitutes	1,111.50
18,889.75	Janitors	18,889.75
593.02	Compulsory Attendance	593.02
2,342.22	Nurse and Clerk	2,342.22
1,000.00	Medical Inspection	1,000.00
$196,000.00	TOTAL SALARIES	$195,990.60
	MAINTENANCE:	
	General Control:	
$ 476.44	Supt's. Office Supplies	$ 476.44
215.71	Research and Professional Study	215.71
78.75	Printing	78.75
366.44	Travel Expenses	366.44
100.00	Census	100.00
300.93	Other Expenses	300.93
386.89	Grouard House—Operation	386.89
211.36	Grouard House—Maintenance	211.36
375.08	Grouard House—Capital Outlay	375.08
$ 2,511.60	Total General Control	$ 2,511.60
	Instruction:	
$ 504.13	Supervision	$ 504.13
390.78	Principal's Office Expense	390.78
2,689.45	Textbooks	2,689.45
6,824.80	Supplies	6,824.80
689.32	Supplementary Books	689.32
299.45	Library	299.45
303.25	Commencement	303.25
521.49	Other expenses	521.49
$ 12,222.67	Total Instruction Expense	$ 12,222.67

	Operation of Plant:	
$ 2,155.87	Janitors' Supplies	$ 2,155.87
5,263.05	Fuel	5,263.05
1,083.21	Water and Sewer	1,083.21
2,377.73	Electricity	2,377.73
390.32	Gas	390.32
603.23	Telephone	603.23
289.89	Other Expenses	289.89
23.50	Freight and express	23.50
$ 12,186.80	Total Operation of Plant	$ 12,186.80
	Maintenance of Plant:	
$ 2,279.22	Grounds	$ 2,279.22
1,387.92	Buildings	1,387.92
643.97	Service Systems	643.97
223.60	Plumbing	223.60
542.47	Instructional Apparatus	542.47
15.63	Furniture	15.63
132.39	Other Expenses	132.39
$ 5,225.20	Total Maintenance of Plant	$ 5,225.20
	Capital Outlay:	
$ 431.09	Alterations and Additions	$ 431.09
470.01	Furniture	470.01
1,835.37	Instructional Apparatus	1,834.22
382.03	Other Outlay	382.03
$ 3,118.50	Total Capital Outlay	$ 3,117.35
	Coordinate Activities:	
$ 61.05	Compulsory Attendance	$ 61.05
33.20	Medical Service	33.20
359.48	Nurse Service	359.48
$ 453.73	Total Coordinate Activities	$ 453.73
$ 35,718.50	TOTAL GENERAL MAINTENANCE	$ 35,717.35
$231,718.50	GRAND TOTAL	$231,707.95
$ 9,500.00	TRANSPORTATION	$ 9,126.07
$ 1,000.00	INDUSTRIAL TUITION	$ 976.67
$ 10,000.00	SCHOOL LUNCHES	$ 10,000.00

CHANGE IN PERSONNEL — 1941

Left:		
Harriet Hall	Highland School—Grade 3	Jan.
Albert H. Holgerson	High School—Coach	Jan.
Margaret Scullane	Highland School—Grade 6	Jan.
F. Thelma Annis	Pearl Street—Grade 5	June
Elva A. Buckley	High School—Commercial	June
Robert Campbell	High School—English	June
Mary E. Devaney	High School—English	June
Henry G. Ingersoll	High School—Teacher-Coach	June
Ruth M. Jewett	Clerk, Superintendent's Office	June
Virginia Motz	Junior High School—English	June
Ann Robertson	Clerk, Health Department	June
Helen R. B. Stewart	Junior High School—Household Arts	June
*M. Grace Wakefield	Highland School—Principal	June
Harriet Robinson	Highland School—Grade 6	July
Josephine L. Fowler	Supervisor of Attendance	Aug.
Appointed:		
Phyllis Callard	Highland School—Grade 3	Jan.
Celia Maglioli	Highland School—Grade 6	Jan.
Arthur M. Radvilas	High School—Coach	March
Barbara Bryant	Clerk, Superintendent's Office	Sept.
**Helene Ernst	High School—German, History	Sept.
Marian Esty	Pearl Street School—Grade 6	Sept.
R. Hilda Gaffney	Highland School—Grade 6	Sept.
Alice Gibbs	Pearl Street School—Grade 6	Sept.
Elizabeth Graham	Highland School—Principal	Sept.
Arthur Griffin	High School—Teacher-Coach	Sept.
Mary W. Moore	Pearl Street School—Grade 5	Sept.
Jeannette B. Reed	High School—English, Spanish	Sept.
Evelyn Shaw	Clerk, Health Dept., and Visiting Teacher	Sept.
Ruth Shaw	Pearl Street School—Grade 1	Sept.
Barbara Tisdale	High School—Librarian	Sept.
Helen Walker	Junior High School—Household Arts	Sept.
Robert M. Whiting	Senior High School—Shop	Sept.
†Jean M. Wiens	High School—English	Sept.
Jean F. Ramsay	Visiting Teacher and Supervisor of Attendance	Nov.

**Returned from leave of absence.
†Returned from year of exchange teaching, Cleveland Hgts., Ohio.
*Retired

TEACHERS IN SERVICE, DECEMBER 31, 1941, WHERE EDUCATED, YEAR APPOINTED

Showing Attendance and Enrollment for Year Ending June, 1941
and Enrollment for October 1, 1941

School	Name of Teacher	Year Appointed	Grade or Subjects Taught	Educational Preparation	Total Membership	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent of Attendance	Enrollment Oct. 1, 1941
	E. C. Grover	1939	Superintendent of Schools	Harvard, B.S.; Teachers' College, Columbia Univ. M.A.; N. Y. Univ., Ph.D.; La Sorbonne, Paris	2,443	2,235.02	2,093.58	93.34	2,220
	Ruth C. Roberts	1935	Sec'y to Superintendent	Boston University, B.A.					
	Helen M. Pratt	1936	School Committee Clerk	Reading High School					
	Barbara Bryant	1941	Clerk	Reading High School					
	Philip W. Althoff	1927	Dir. Phys. Ed. and Athletics	Springfield College, P.B.E., M.Ed.					
	Margaret B. Clewley	1939	School Nurse	Newton Hosp., R.N.; Simmons, Cert. Public Public Health Nursing; Boston Univ., Harvard					
	Evelyn M. Giles	1939	Supervisor of Music, Elementary	Boston University, Mus.B					
	Charles R. Henderson, M.D.	1918	School Physician						
	L. Reginald A. Kibbe	1936	Art Supervisor	Mass. School of Art, B.S.E.; Col. U.; Boston U.					
	Samuel A. W. Peck	1931	Director of Music, H.S. & Jr. H.S.	Boston Univ., B.A., M.A., N. E. Conserv., Eastman School, Mozarteum Adacemy, Austria					
	Jean F. Ramsay	1941	Visiting Teacher Att. Superv.	Smith College, B.A.; Columbia Univ., M.A Univ. Stockholm & Upsala					
	Evelyn Shaw	1941	Clerk, Sch. Nurse & Visit. Tr.	Reading High School					
High	Rudolf Sussmann	1917	Supervising Principal	Boston Univ., B.S.Ed.; Harvard	709	647.27	602.79	92.98	602
	Myrtle W. Tilton	1926	Secretary	Reading High School					
	Barbara Carpenter	1940	Clerk	Beaver College; Malden Commercial School					
	Elizabeth A. Batchelder[1]	1916	Com'l Eng., Off. Train. and Law	Salem Normal; Boston Univ., B.S. Ed.; Harvard					
	Robert Bronner[1]	1940	English	Boston Univ., B.A., M.Ed.; Harvard					
	A. Imrie Dixon	1930	History	Ohio Wesleyan, B.A.; Harvard, M.A					
	Alberta F. Drury	1917	Bkkg. Commercial Arithmetic	Posse Normal, Salem Normal, Boston Univ.					
	Helene M. Ernst	1931	Spanish, German, World History	Radcliffe, B.A.; Boston Univ., M.A.; Harvard					
	Joseph F. Fitzgerald	1929	Mathematics	Boston College, B.A., M.A.; Boston Univ.					
	Arthur M. Griffin	1941	Asst. Coach, Hist., Com'l Geog., Algebra	Tufts College, B.A.					
	Luke Halpin[1]	1922	Mathematics	Bowdoin, B.A.; Boston Univ., M.A.; Harvard					
	Alice H. Hayden	1939	English, Science	Oregon State, Ph.C., B.S., M.S.; Univ. of Wash., Purdue Univ., Ph.D.; Boston Univ.					
	Svea W. Kling	1940	Shorthand, Typewriting	Burdett Col., Boston Univ., B.B.A.					
	Florence G. Nichols	1929	Phys. Ed.—High and Elem.	Sargent School, Boston Univ., B.S. Ed., M.I.T.					
	Frederick J. Pope	1922	Chemistry and Physics	Colby, B.S.; Harvard M.Ed.					
	Arthur E. Radvilas	1941	Coach, History	Columbia Univ., B.A.					
	Jeannette B. Reed	1941	English	Smith Col., B.A.; Boston Univ., M.A.					
	Carmen Simon	1928	French	Boston Univ., B.A., M.A.; Harvard					
	Arthur L. Spencer	1938	Latin, English	Boston Univ., B.A.; Brown Univ.					
	Helen B. Stanwood	1937	Shorthand, Typewriting	Salem T. C., B.S. Ed., Boston Univ., Harvard					
	Russell P. Taylor	1938	English, History	Bates College, B.A.; Harvard					
	Barbara Tisdale	1941	Librarian	Radcliffe, B.A., Syracuse U., B.S. Lib. Sc.; Harv.					

[1]Also serves as Guidance Counselor.

Showing Attendance and Enrollment for Year Ending June, 1941
and Enrollment for October 1, 1941

School	Name of Teacher	Year Appointed	Grade or Subjects Taught	Educational Preparation	Total Membership	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent of Attendance	Enrollment Oct. 1, 1941
High	Hermon T. Wheeler	1924	Occup., Commercial Geography	Mass. State College, B.S.; Harvard					
	Robert M. Whiting	1941	Shop	Mass. School of Art, B.S.E.; Worcester Art Museum Sch.					
	Jean M. Wiens	1935	English, Dramatics	Univ. of Wisc., B.A.; Emerson Col., B.L.I.					
	Helen R. Zimmerman	1937	Biology	Wellesley, B.A.; Purdue Univ., M.S., Ph.D.					
Jr. High	Robert F. Perry	1935	Supervising Principal	U. S. Naval Academy, B.S.; N. H. Univ., Columbia Univ.	552	521.33	489.12	93.78	526
	Natalie Cate	1935	Secretary	Reading High School					
	Dorothy A. Allard	1927	English	Salem Normal; Boston Univ., Mass. Univ. Ext.					
	Helen B. Bean	1931	English	Wellesley, B.A.; Columbia U.; C.C.N.Y.; B. U.					
	Harriet S. Beattie	1936	Art	Mass. School of Art, B.S. Ed.					
	Ellen F. Brown	1940	Household Arts	Framingham T. C., B.S.Ed.; Boston Univ.					
	Marian D. Day	1925	Science	Beverly High School, Bates Col., M. I. T., Harv					
	Grace M. Harriman	1928	Social Studies, Math.	Radcliffe, B.A.; Harvard, M.Ed.; Stanford U.					
	Walter E. Hawkes	1933	Physical Ed., Hygiene	Springfield Col., B.S.					
	Grace N. Heffron	1930	English	Tufts Col., B.A.; Harvard, Boston Univ.					
	Genevieve P. Hook	1931	French, Latin, English	Univ. of Vermont, B.A.; Radcliffe, M.A.					
	Louise B. Jenkins	1920	Social Studies	Bridgewater Norm., Boston Univ., B.S.Ed.; Harvard					
	Inez H. Lewis	1923	Mathematics	Gorham Normal; Boston Univ.					
	Roderick E. Macdonald	1937	Shop	Fitchburg Teachers' College, B.S. Ed.					
	Mary Mercadante	1937	Business Training	Salem Teachers' College, B.S.Ed.					
	Clifford R. Nelson	1937	General Science	Boston Univ., B.S.Ed.					
	Claudia Perry	1928	English	Radcliffe, B.A.					
	Victor E. Pitkin	1933	Social Studies	Clark Univ., B.A., M.A.; Harvard, Boston Univ.					
	Anna M. Reck	1928	Mathematics, Social Studies	Radcliffe, B.A.; Boston Univ.					
	William A. Rich	1928	Mathematics, Social Studies	Salem Normal; Boston Univ., B.S.Ed., M.A.					
	Neil C. Robinson	1936	Social Studies	Mass. State Col., B.S.; Boston Univ., M.Ed.; Harvard					
	Albert R. Studer	1939	Shop	Fitchburg Teachers' College, B.S.Ed.; Mass. S.C.					
	Margaret E. Tyacke	1926	Physical Ed., Hygiene	Harvard Summer School, Boston Univ.					
	Helen A. Walker	1941	Household Arts	Framingham Teachers' College, B.S.Ed.					
	Albert H. Woodward	1941	Mathematics	Amherst Col., B.A.; Boston Univ., M.Ed.					
Highland	Elizabeth Graham	1941	Supervising Principal	Framingham Normal, Boston Univ., B.S. Ed.; Harvard Univ.	394	355.48	331.90	93.41	360
	Alice L. Arsenault	1933	Secretary	Reading High School					
	Lillian F. Brann	1930	Grade 5	Farmington Normal; Boston Univ.	26	21.05	19.90	94.43	27
	Dorothy L. Burgess	1926	Grade 1	Lesley Normal; Boston Univ.	45	36.48	33.09	90.69	38
	Jean M. Butters	1936	Grade 5	Salem Teachers' College, B.S.E.; Boston Univ.	31	27.76	25.63	92.33	30
	Phyllis Callard	1941	Grade 3	Lowell Teachers' Col., B.S.E.; Boston Univ.	37	34.08	31.71	93.03	30

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Highland	Dorothy L. Cronin	1933	Grade 2	Lowell Teachers' Col., B.S.Ed.; Boston Univ.	35	32.85	30.81	93.81	27
	R. Hilda Gaffney	1941	Grade 6	Boston Univ., B.S.Ed.	29	26.48	24.77	93.51	27
	Matilda J. Gamble	1920	Grade 5	Woburn High School; Boston Univ.	32	29.43	27.90	94.81	34
	Olive L. Joney	1938	Grade 4	Worcester T. C., B.S.Ed.; U. of Colo., Clark U., Boston U.	37	35.58	33.42	93.93	34
	Celia Maglioli	1941	Grade 6	R. I. Col. of Ed., B.Ed.; Columbia U., Brown U.	33	32.20	30.28	94.06	32
	Edythe M. McQuaide	1940	Grade 6	Lowell Teachers' Col., B.S.Ed., Tufts Col.	31	30.59	28.64	93.63	29
	Florence A. Potter	1926	Grade 5	Plymouth Normal, Boston Univ.	32	28.18	26.45	93.89	32
	Florence V. Thackleberry	1931	Grade 6	Plymouth Normal, Boston Univ.	23	20.80	19.30	92.75	20
Pearl St.	Maud E. Adlington	1936	Supervising Principal	Simmons, Boston Univ., Harvard	442	391.13	372.22	94.96	403
	Grace E. Storti	1938	Secretary	Burdett College					
	Marjorie H. Buckle	1927	Grade 4	Posse-Nissen, Hyannis T. C., Boston Univ.	35	29.39	27.94	95.07	29
	Glenna A. Dow	1919	Grade 2	Hyannis Normal, Emerson Col., Columbia U., Boston U.	38	35.21	33.58	95.33	35
	Evelyn L. Durgin	1938	Grade 3	Lowell Teachers' College, B.S.Ed.; Harvard	27	23.26	21.90	94.03	31
	Marian Esty	1941	Grade 6	Aroostook St. Norm., Boston Univ., B.S.Ed.; Harvard	37	33.92	32.94	96.32	38
	Alice Gibbs	1941	Grade 6	Framingham Teachers' Col., B.S.Ed.	32	31.94	30.45	95.17	31
	Carolyn C. Grace	1919	Grade 5	North Adams Norm., Boston U., Hyannis T. C.	34	29.85	28.66	96.03	23
	Velma E. Herrick	1927	Grade 1	Perry Kindergarten Sch., Boston U., Tufts Col.	37	35.45	32.88	93.04	24
	Alberta R. Mathieson	1924	Grade 2	Salem Normal, Boston Univ.	31	27.34	26.88	94.93	31
	Mary W. Moore	1941	Garde 5	Provincial Normal, Boston Univ., B.S.Ed.	43	35.58	33.68	94.68	33
	Helen Newhall	1940	Grade 1	Boston Univ., B.S.Ed.; Harvard, Tufts Col.	39	36.09	33.14	91.97	27
	Olive S. Perry	1916	Grade 4	Wheelock Kindergarten Sch., Hyannis Norm., Boston Univ.	32	25.72	24.72	96.31	22
	Florence Pratt	1938	Grade 3	Bridgewater Teachers' College, B.S.Ed.	32	29.28	28.25	96.47	37
	Ruth L. Shaw	1941	Grade 1	Lowell T. C., B.S.E.; R. I. Col. of Ed., Univ. of N. H., Boston Univ.					25
	Helen D. Stockwell	1930	Opportunity	Salem Normal; Boston Univ.,	25	18.10	17.20	95.18	17
Lowell St.	Nellie P. Beaton	1920	Grade 4, Principal	Danvers H. S., Hyannis T. C., Boston Univ.	29	24.49	23.09	94.27	36
	Jessie L. Goddard	1926	Grade 2	Bridgewater Normal, Boston Univ.	24	20.99	19.42	92.53	29
	Elois Godfrey	1937	Grade 1	Bridgewater Teachers' College, B. S. Ed.	40	36.54	32.65	89.35	35
	Isabel L. Winchester	1928	Grade 3	Salem Normal, Penn. State Col.	31	29.39	27.79	94.55	23
Prospect St.	Ada E. Dow	1909	Grade 3, Principal	Lowell Normal, Emerson Col., Boston Univ.	42	40.03	37.28	93.12	33
	Alice D. Berry	1927	Grade 1	Bridgewater Normal, Boston Univ.	35	31.72	29.33	92.51	37
	Doris R. Cleary	1927	Grade 2	Salem Norm., Univ. of Maine, Hyannis T. C., Mass. U. Ext.	33	31.31	29.35	93.75	32
	Helena Markham	1934	Grade 4	Framingham Normal, Boston Univ.	38	35.00	33.18	94.80	35
Chestnut Hill	Irene Royea	1928	Grades 1 and 2, Principal	Aroostook State Normal, Boston Univ.	36	34.50	32.59	94.71	32
	Esther P. Smith	1936	Grades 3 and 4	Boston Univ., B.S. Ed.	38	35.84	32.87	91.99	37

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, 1941

To the School Committee,
Reading, Massachusetts.

Mrs. Twombly, Miss Canty, and Gentlemen:

Herewith please find my third annual report as Superintendent of Schools, which is the forty-ninth of a series of annual reports relative to the work of the Public Schools of Reading.

This year has brought unusual problems to be solved, and your frank and helpful consideration of them has been a constant source of encouragement and help during the year. We are now facing a great challenge to our democratic institutions, and the road ahead is strewn with obstacles which may seek to destroy the way of life for which our schools have been preparing young people. Our teachers have rededicated themselves to the further development of education suited to Democracy, to preserve our American heritage both now and after the war.

The industrialization of our civilization will continue with increased speed, and our pupils must be educated to take their places in this order. This may well make necessary a variety of preparation, for which we must provide. This is one of the problems looming before us in the near future.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPERVISORY CHANGES

During 1941, there have been certain changes in the Reading school system which have affected it as a whole. Among these the following are most important:

1. Enrollment Trends

The National Emergency has affected the enrollment of High School pupils by decreasing the total membership. The effect of the building of smaller houses for young families, on the other hand, has increased the Elementary School membership. The rise in the number of Elementary pupils in 1940-41 made such crowded conditions that in 1941-42 an additional first grade teacher had to be employed. Figures given are as of October 1 of each year:

	1939-40	1940-41	1941-42
Elementary	1046	1073	1092
Jr. High School	560	533	526
Sr. High School	*649	*676	*602
No. Reading	98	111	96
Post Grads.	28	28	13

*Includes No. Reading and Post Graduates.

The increase in the High School was steady until the Spring of 1941 at which time the enrollments of both Reading and North Reading pupils fell off. The reason was chiefly employment as is borne out by an analysis of working certificates issued this year.

2. Increase in Working Certificates Issued

During 1941, 416 working certificates were issued. Below will be found a table comparing the number of certificates issued this year and issued last year.

NUMBER OF WORKING CERTIFICATES ISSUED

	Age Range	1941	1940
Regular certificates	16-18	180	58
Regular certificates	18-21	221	126
Home Employment	14-16	1	0
Temporary certificates	14-16	7	3
Farm work	14-16	5	9
Regular limited	14-16	2	0
Total		416	196

This is an increase of 220 certificates, or 112 per cent.

When an analysis of the kinds of work our students went into and the grades they last completed was made, the following data were obtained.

DISTRIBUTION OF WORKING CERTIFICATES 1941 (BOYS)

Kind of Work Entering

Grade Completed	Drafting	Garage	Factory	Restaurant	Office	Bowling Alley	Store	Theatre	Total
7		2	3				1		6
8			10	2		2	2		16
9		2	12	1		1	4	1	21
10			19	2	1	1	8	1	32
11		2	12	9	2	3	29		57
12	1	3	57	4	8	2	32	1	108
College	1		2						3
Trade Sch.		1							1
Total	2	9	116	18	11	9	76	3	244

DISTRIBUTION OF WORKING CERTIFICATES 1941 (GIRLS)

Kind of Work Entering

Grade Completed	Restaurant	Factory	Laundry	Office	Store	Total
6		1				1
7						0
8	1	2				3
9			1		3	4
10	5	5			15	25
11	4	3	1	3	16	27
12	8	26	3	33	25	95
College				2		2
Total	18	37	5	38	59	157

A few of the certificates issued for store work were to permit girls to be employed in local stores during the Christmas Vacation.

The data given above will show the great increase of available work for young people. It should have its influence on our school curriculum. Whether the employment of our young people will increase any more is problematical. We feel that it has about reached its peak and that, although there will be about the same number of certificates issued next year, there will be little increase.

3. Visiting Teacher

Due to the resignation of Mrs. Josephine L. Fowler and the urgent need of increased study and guidance of behavior problems of many school pupils, a full-time Visiting Teacher was employed. She is a well-trained and experienced woman who has already given valuable service in analysis and supervision of problem cases among our students. Redirection of pupil behavior before difficulties arise is the best method of conditioning potential difficulties into social and profitable behavior. Miss Jean F. Ramsay, the Visiting Teacher, studies the pupils in their school as well as their home relationships; and through the teacher and the parents helps make adjustments for the child's benefit.

4. Defense Activities

During the year, the schools have been giving increased emphasis to National Defense through purchase of stamps, assembly programs, and the conduct of student group work. Since December 7, these activities have been accelerated. A Junior Civilian Defense Corps of girls has been formed in the High School. Air raid drills have been

organized and emergency responsibilities have been taken by various student groups in all our schools.

5. Supervisory Re-organization

Last June, Miss M. Grace Wakefield, for fifty-one years teacher and principal in the Reading Schools, retired. Her place was taken by Miss Elizabeth Graham of Fairhaven. All the Elementary Schools are now supervised by the two supervising principals of Pearl Street and Highland schools, with whom the Superintendent plans the Elementary supervisory program. The Elementary Supervisor as an individual separate from the principals has been eliminated. The change is less expensive and more efficient. Under this plan, also, the individual teacher has more responsibility for her own growth and professional advancement.

6. School Lunch Project

A W.P.A. school lunch project was tried at the Highland School during the last five weeks of the Spring term, although a survey showed very few pupils in Reading were suffering from malnutrition due to economic conditions. The possibility of expanding this project this year was studied. However, it was estimated that it would require a large expenditure to set up and equip the Elementary schools so that all pupils in the Town could have equal opportunity for noon lunches. Even with this expenditure of money, the budget for transporting pupils at noon could not be reduced.

During the summer and fall, there was improvement in the economic status of many families in Reading. As a result, there were increased numbers buying lunches in the Junior and Senior High schools. A resurvey of malnutrition in November showed less need for the continuation of this project in Reading than was shown even in the original survey in the Spring.

Moreover, there was no guarantee of the possibility of continuing the food project beyond the present school year because we are faced with the allocation of surplus commodities for war use. Therefore, it was felt that the Town might be in an embarrassing situation if this project was approved, only to have the supply cut off.

7. One-cent Milk Project

During the Spring term, we were able, through arrangement with the Federal Government, to offer half-pint bottles of milk for one cent. Milk consumption increased enormously. The project was not continued this fall because Reading could not meet the conditions placed by the Government. These conditions stipulated that two-thirds of the parents of Reading school pupils must be accepting some form of public or private charity. Nevertheless, the milk consumption in the fall doubled that of a year ago, in spite of the return to the four-cent milk.

ACTIVITIES IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

A. ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

1. Teaching Responsibility

Recent studies have emphasized the growth in self-control and self-discipline brought about by giving pupils increased responsibilities. They become better adjusted adults and better able to meet new crises than pupils completely regimented by stern teacher and parent authority.

Our Elementary Schools have given pupils opportunity for self-development through instruction in how to study, responsibility for good conduct in and out of school, establishment of homeroom activities, and club work, good conduct on buses, and constant check on good oral English. Both Highland and Pearl Street schools have their own school paper. Through this project the pupils learn to express themselves well and to develop judgments relative to important and unimportant events. Emphasis has been given this year to well rounded health and physical education instruction. Trips to museums and places of historical interest have made it possible for art, social studies, and history to become very live subjects for our pupils. Glee clubs, orchestras, and violin classes have increased their enrollments. The Music Festival in May showed parents and school patrons the work of this department.

2. Growth of Arithmetic Skills

Tests given this year show that the increased emphasis on arithmetic has yielded results. The following table shows the results in arithmetic obtained on the Metropolitan Achievement Tests given last April as compared with those obtained from tests given in April of 1939 and 1940:

ARITHMETIC GRADE SCORES ON METROPOLITAN ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

APRIL 1939, 1940, 1941

	Grade 4		Grade 5		Grade 6	
Year	No. Pupils	Grade Score	No. Pupils	Grade Score	No. Pupils	Grade Score
1939	168	4.6	181	5.6	181	6.4
1940	161	4.6	178	5.6	180	6.6
1941	167	4.9	170	5.7	179	6.9
Norm for Grade		4.8		5.8		6.8

Particular attention this year has been given to any speech defects, —especially in the first grade. The Reading Library has continued to be helpful and cooperative through the loan of books to the Elementary Schools and the talks given by Miss Rebecca Turner.

The State Clinic, under the direction of Dr. Mary Palmer, has made ten new examinations and has made thirty-one re-examinations for admittance of pupils to the opportunity class. This class now contains seventeen pupils on the following grade levels: four on Grade I level, seven on Grade II, three on Grade III, and three on Grade IV.

3. Overlapping Mental Ages—Grade I

A study made of one hundred and ninety-nine children entering Grade I in September showed a very large difference in mental ages. Reading schools admit pupils to Grade I in September if their birthdays fall on or before April 1 of the preceding school year. The youngest children, therefore, would not be quite five and one-half years old when they enter school. Our study showed that these one hundred and ninety-nine children ranged all the way from the mental ability of a child four years and no months to that of a child nine years and seven months. Five years and nine months was the average mental age. Since the legal chronological age for entering school is seven years, it is possible that a mental age entrance requirement might prevent early school failure and make possible a better school adjustment.

All the Elementary Schools have stressed citizenship training,— courtesy, safety, protection of the property of others, and community responsibility. The war emergency has caused us to redouble our efforts along these lines in order better to train pupils to value these things in the peace time to follow.

B. JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

1. Lower School Costs

The enrollment of pupils in the Junior High School is identical with that of ten years ago,—526. During the year of 1930-31, however, the total cost of Junior High School education was $72,593.26 and the number of teachers 26. During the present year, 1940-41, the total cost was $66,780.66 and the faculty numbered 24.

A comparison of the per pupil cost also shows a decrease,—$138.01 in 1930-31 and $128.18 in 1940-41. These figures indicate that the Junior High School is still operating under much stricter economy than ten years ago. It is, however, meeting standards of work comparable to former years.

2. Library Opened

This year, a school library service has been organized under the general charge of Miss Claudia Perry. One teacher of the staff is

assigned to the library each period of the school day to supervise the library needs of the pupils who come during that period. The faculty has cooperated in selecting books, magazines, and visual aids for the use of pupils. Sixty-six volumes and seven magazine subscriptions were added to the library during the year.

3. Re-organization of Curricula

Various departments of instructions have re-organized their curricula this year. Under the leadership of Mr. Victor Pitkin, material was developed and mimeographed for the use of pupils in social study courses. The mathematics department reviewed and revised the course for Grade VII, and, under the chairmanship of Mr. William Rich, is now working on the mathematics course for Grade VIII.

The English teachers have given special attention this year to: (a) methods and standards in oral expression, (b) reading materials and literature for slow readers, and (c) tests and drills in language usage. Supplementary books for slow readers were purchased. The school is now well equipped with suitable and interesting books for pupils who have difficulty in reading standard grade material.

New supplementary books for groups in American history and additional basal texts in arithmetic for Grade VII were purchased.

4. Articulation of Work in Junior and Senior High Schools

One of our greatest unsolved problems is a closer articulation between the Junior and Senior High School programs of study. To solve this problem there must be developed through the faculties of both schools common fundamental principles of a six-year secondary curriculum.

The Junior High is continuing to progress in its service to early adolescent youth of Reading. Its chief functions are to understand and guide the individual pupil to provide as many exploratory experiences as possible and to help each pupil to form some more or less definite ideas and purposes about his further educational development.

C. SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

1. Building Limitations

The Senior High School is still restricted in the service it can render the youth of Reading because of the limitation of carrying on a modern program of studies in the present building—in spite of the reduction in the number of students in attendance.

2. Expanded Shop Curriculum

Two changes were made this year which have greatly improved the High School work. The first was the addition of a shop teacher who gave part of his time to the Senior and part to the Junior High School. This expansion was necessary due to the increased enroll-

ment in and the reorganization of the shop courses. The boys who major in High School shop now take three consecutive periods of work each day and rotate through the three curricula of drafting, woodworking, and metal working. This plan gives a continuity of experience and an intensity of work which has been very beneficial to those electing shop work.

3. Professional Librarian

The second change was the appointment of a librarian. This move did not necessitate adding another person to the High School faculty, since the school reduced its regular staff by one teacher. It did, however, make possible much needed library service in the school. The librarian supervises the reference and supplementary reading of pupils as they come to the assembly hall for study. She selects books, helps students run down references, recommends book purchases, catalogs books, makes book loans, and gives talks on significant things coming up in the book world. Since September, the librarian has recorded over five thousand books loaned to pupils to take home. Many of these books are also read by parents. The many books purchased through the Raymond Memorial Fund and a small appropriation made by the School Committee have made an enrichment of background never before possible for all courses in the High School. The assembly hall has now become a real library, and with the book shelves along the walls and the reference table in the center it has developed a study and reading atmosphere which is conducive to better school work. The development and direction of good library service, however, essentially rests on the skill, knowledge, and energy of a professional librarian, and the addition of such a person to the High School has brought about a definite step in advancement towards better education for its pupils.

4. Inter-communicating System

After the declaration of war and the first air-raid signal, we realized that the High School had no way of communicating directions for safety drills to pupils and teachers. We also found that the fire alarm system was woefully inadequate. The Special Town Meeting in December approved the School Committee's recommendation for the installation of a loud speaker inter-communication system whereby air raid or panic drills could be directed from the school office to each room or to the entire school at once. Since the school population has outgrown the capacity of the small assembly hall, the only way to communicate messages to the entire school is over some sort of public address system which we are now fortunate enough to possess.

5. Added Fire Alarm Equipment

The fire alarm equipment provides for a control panel by which

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DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

Shown on following six pages

(The arrangement of titles as recorded below corresponds with the position of the picture on the page indicated).

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Defense Stamp Sale—Pearl St.
Clay Work—Chestnut Hill
Group Reading—Pearl St.
Jungle Gym—Prospect St.
First Aid—Pearl St.
Music—Lowell St.
Group Study—Highland
Social Studies—Pearl St.

Plate II

Rhythm Orchestra—Pearl St.
Special Class—Boys
Physical Examination—Lowell St.
Defense Stamp Sale—Jr. High
Air Raid Shelter—Highland
Special Class—Girls
Building in Clay—Lowell St.
Newspaper Sale—Jr. High

Plate III

Junior High School

Library
Art
Gymnasium
Science
Cooking
Shop
Shop
At lunch

Plate IV

Senior High School

Printing
Art
Guidance
Chemistry
Cafeteria
Library
Public Address System
Biology

Plate V

Geography—Chestnut Hill
Typewriting—High School
Transcribing—High School
Sewing—High School
Drawing—Prospect St.
Reading—Pearl St.
Dental Clinic
Dressmaking—Jr. High
Map Study—Jr. High

Plate VI

Senior High School

Tri-Hi Club
Cooking
Pupil Forum
Sketching Class
Girls Gymnasium
Councilling
Student Council
Mechanical Drawing

Plate I

Plate II

Plate III

Plate IV

Plate V

Plate VI

the school fire alarm system is automatically connected with the central Fire Station on Pleasant Street. During practice drills, this control can be switched off. Five fire boxes have been ordered and will be placed throughout the building.

6. Expansion of Commercial Department

The Commercial Department was re-organized this year on the basis of one less teacher. In this Department the teachers developed an office practice course which should help our students fit into any general office with definite knowledge of filing, comptometer and Ediphone operation, and an understanding of the best office routines. The arithmetic and bookkeeping courses are becoming of increasing value, and we hope to expand this work in fundamental business skills so that a much larger number of pupils take it.

7. Better Program for Physical Fitness Needed

The most difficult situation in the school program is still the health and physical education work. This is solely due to the inadequate space in which to conduct physical education classes. The High School has one small gymnasium which can only be used five periods a day because of interference with lunch periods at other times. As a result, not more than half the students in the High School have any opportunity to obtain the benefit of these classes at a time when the Government is putting so much stress on physical fitness.

In spite of the physical handicaps in the High School, the instruction has reached high standards. The Principal has on file many letters of commendation from outstanding American colleges and technical schools praising the work of the graduates of Reading High School.

8. Dental Survey

Attention should be called to the Dental Survey conducted by Dr. Catherine Ronan, representing the Division of Child Hygiene of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. This survey was made on September 30 and October 1, 1941. It covered the High School seniors. One hundred sixty-one students were examined. Of this number, only three had never been to a dentist. One hundred forty-nine, or 92 per cent, had received dental treatment at one time or another. Of this number, the survey found that ninety-two students had fillings only; seven had extractions; and fifty had both fillings and extractions. The examinations indicated one hundred thirty-six children required fillings to be made; eleven required extractions; and one hundred thirty-six required both fillings and extractions. The examiners found no diseased gums and only twenty-eight students whose teeth were not clean. On the other hand, the one hundred thirty-six students found needing dental treatment were 84 per cent of the num-

ber examined. This indicates the need for dental care, at least among our High School seniors.

D. SPECIAL REPORTS

1. Dental Clinic

In her report, Mrs. Clewley, our School Nurse, has brought out the fact that the greatest physical difficulty found among our school children is dental disease. She stated that over one-half of the school pupils are victims of tooth decay. Much is being done in the schools to bring these facts to the attention of pupils and parents.

Although the situation with reference to dental care is not satisfactory, it would be much worse if the Dental Clinic in the Grouard House, supported by the Town and the Red Cross and under the auspices of the Reading Good Health Committee, did not exist. This Clinic, which provides dental service twice a week, has treated this year two hundred and forty-eight individual children. A constant check is made each year with reference to re-examination. This procedure is cutting down a great deal of dental trouble. The continuation of the Clinic is of vital importance to the health of our children, and it is hoped that its support by the Town will be increased for this important work.

2. Report of Medical Care

Dr. Charles R. Henderson has made 1348 physical examinations during the year and has responded to calls at the various schools, resulting in 428 emergency inspections. He has examined 19 students for working certificates. During the year, six diphtheria immunization clinics were held at which the total attendance was 109. Of these, 87 were immunized, and 370 toxid injections were administered.

It is hoped that more parents of young children in Reading will avail themselves of the opportunity to have their children immunized against diphtheria. The State statistics show that only 14.4 per cent of Reading children four years and younger have been immunized and but slightly more than half of the children in the age group five through nine. In some towns these figures in corresponding age groups approach 100 per cent.

Because of the possibility of either evacuation of children from this area or of receiving children from urban areas, it is important that parents give increased attention to the immunization of children with reference to diphtheria. This work is done in the school clinics under the auspices of our local Board of Health and the School Nurse.

During the year the entire school staff has been most cooperative for the good of the schools, and the spirit in which they have done their work is a guarantee of their willingness to give their full share in any emergency which lies ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. GROVER

Age-Grade Table—October 1, 1941

Age	Opportunity	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	P. G.	Total
5 Years		82													82
6 "		98	57	1											156
7 "		21	91	55											167
8 "	3	1	17	94	49										164
9 "	6		4	18	100	43									171
10 "			1	7	20	95	40								163
11 "	4				4	27	93	41							169
12 "						9	25	89	45	1					169
13 "	1					3	17	24	88	55					188
14 "	3					2	2	11	29	90	63	5			205
15 "								4	10	24	87	94	6		225
16 "								2	1	7	39	89	83	2	223
17 "										2	6	20	69	11	108
18 "										1	1	1	19		22
19 "													4		4
20 "															
21 " and over															
Total	17	202	170	175	173	179	177	171	173	180	196	209	181	13	2216

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES READING HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 1941

Outdoor Exercises, Junior High School Field

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE ELEVENTH

Four O'clock

RAISING OF FLAG and PLAYING OF COLORS

PROCESSIONAL MARCH

High School Band

AMERICA — Smith

Audience and Senior Class

PRAYER—Rev. Raymond W. Cooper

Salutatory

"Arma Virumque Cano"

Stella Marie Pollitz

"Are We a Lost Generation?"

Carolyn Elizabeth Campbell

TORCH ORATION

Glenn G. Davis, Class President

ESSAY

"Outlook for Youth"

Donald Earle Taylor

Class Honors

ESSAY

"Our Inheritance"

Carolyn Lumsden

Class Honors

ESSAY

"Where There is No Vision the People Perish"

Robert Nelson Burrows

Faculty Honors

Valedictory

"The Way is Open"

Ruth Evelyn Hicks

CERTIFICATION OF CLASS

ACCEPTANCE OF CERTIFICATION

Dr. Elbridge C. Grover, Superintendent of Schools

CONFERRING SCHOLASTIC HONORS

Rudolf Sussmann, Headmaster

CONFERRING DIPLOMAS

Irving C. Austin, Chairman of School Board

SALUTE TO FLAG—Led by Class President Glen Davis

STAR SPANGLED BANNER — Keyes

Audience and Senior Class

BENEDICTION—Rev. Raymond W. Cooper

RECESSIONAL MARCH

High School Band

GRADUATION CLASS READING HIGH SCHOOL 1941

Accounting Course

George Edward Brennan
Phillip Arthur Burbine
Robert Nelson Burrows
William Donald Dacey
Ernest Paul Doucette
Herbert E. Kenney
Edward Syer Marshall
George A. Melanson, Jr.
Ellsworth Slayter Noone
Harris Putnam Pratt, Jr.
Robert B. Taylor

Civic Preparatory Course

Eileen Marie Arsenault
Marjorie Bernice Batchelder
Maynard E. Batchelder
Charles William Berglund, Jr.
Gerald Francis Brooks
Wilbur Frederick Cail
Jeanette Marie Callan
Constance Frances Carder
Joseph S. Carder, Jr.
John Peter Collins
Thelma Currell
Gertrude Sophia Dahlquist
Edgar John Davis
Patricia Ann Donegan
Esther Margaret Doucette
Gerald L. Doucette
Stephen Irving Doucette
Robert Pierce Eisenhaure
Harry Francis Evans
Helen Sterling Farr
Edward Fitzgerald
Maurice Fitzgerald
Clarence Fraughton
Esther Maryann Frotten
John Joseph Hamilton
Alden Burbank Heath
Michael A. Hennessy
Richard Franklin Higgins
E. Dorothy Jeanes
Barbara Wacey Jenkins
John Henry Kelly, Jr.
Arthur Earl Knapp
Annetta Marjorie MacLeod
Leslie William Merrill
Dorothie Meuse
Robert Donald Meuse
Donald Frederick O'Brien
Edith Mae Oulton
Edwin J. Palmer
Charlotte Rena Parker
Harriett Adelaide Parker
Laverne Aileen Peterson
Robert Earle Piercy
Dorothy Mae Racine
Avis Gowen Sargent
Lennox Schoppelry
Constance R. Scharton
David Teele Sheldon
Robert Francis Spellman
Albert Stephanian
John Storti, Jr.
Robert Brackett Tucker
James E. Wallace
Gordon S. Watkins
Charles Leigh Webster
Helen Theresa Wheeler
Doris White
Donald I. Whitford

Classical Course

Carolyn Elizabeth Campbell
Ethel Mae Greenyer
Ruth Evelyn Hicks
Carolyn Lumsden
Stella Marie Pollitz
Donald Earle Taylor
Marjorie R. Tonks

Clerical Course

Anna Rachel Arsenault
Stella Elizabeth Arsenault
Mildred Louise Bennett
Norma L. Doran
Marilyn Dorothy Edwards
Florence Agnes Duggan
Doris Gertrude Dunn
Mildred Janet Faulkner
Dorothy E. Fleming
Mary Alice Flynn
Beverly Johnson
Christina Alma MacDonald
Mary Evelyn Margeson
Ruth Longfellow Perley
Dorothy Evelyn Taylor
Mary Louise Zitzow

College Course

Kenneth Leland Anderson
Robert Francis Barrett
Barbara Helen Bird
Barbara Jean Blaikie
Roger George Caron
Gerald Frederick Colford
Robert Edwin Dagdigian
John Aram Dagdigian
Jean Lucy Danforth
Lillian B. Davies
Glenn G. Davis
Mary Delano
Alfred T. Doughty
Jean Elizabeth Dow
William Edward Friedlander
Donald Buel Hitchcock
Lois B. Ives
Thomas Lyman Jacob
Malcolm George Johnston
Edith Helen Kimball
Phyllis Jannett Lacey
Frances Virginia McLaughlin
Priscilla Moulton Nichols
John Joseph O'Malley, Jr.
Betty Jane Parks
Mary Louise Slack
Dorothy Isabelle Stratton
William B. Watson

Fine Arts Course

Bette Joyce Gullam
Elisabeth A. Shannon
John Marshall Shaw

Normal Course

Louis C. Babine, Jr.
Grace Stuart Bailey
Gene Elaine Baker
Marguerite Eleanor Brophy
Paul William Connelly
Barbara Louise Jones
Horace N. Lander
Elmer B. Lincoln
Frances B. Madden
William Charles Morrissey

Normal Course Continued

Phyllis Harriett Cullington
Virginia Davis
Newton Benedict Dickie
Francis Herman Doughty
Edward Lynch Ford
Evelyn Nancy Fortier
Phyllis Elaine Garey
Chester Paul Gunn
Robert Olsen
Marjorie L. Owen
Donna Ruth Packer
Betty Joyce Stanwood
Shirley Mae Stevens
Woodbury Cole Titcomb
Isabelle Phyllis Tower
Donald N. Tuttle, Jr.
Vernon Floyd Williams

Practical Arts Course

Edward Joseph Doucette
Donald L. Douglass
Frank R. Fisher
Helen Louise Gadbois
Ernest H. Hubbard
Ethel Johnson
Robert D. Jones
Jeanette Anne Muse
Arthur F. Stiles, Jr.
Ruth Frances Whitton
Thomas Stephen Widell

Scientific Course

James Bain, Jr.
Albert Ray Barmby
Lewis Paulfray Bosson
Richard Joseph Robbins
Leslie Arthur Scott
Warren Winn

Secretarial Course

Dorothy B. Arnett
Mary Bronk
Barbara Bryant
Shirley L. Bussell
Sonia E. Courossi
Barbara Mae Clark
Dorothy Marie Cress
Muriel Frances Evans
Evelyn Louise MacLeod
Elsie M. Mason
Doris I. Nelson
Mary G. Powell
Virginia Roberts
Rita J. Schaffner
Eleanor M. Shaw
Evelyn D. Shaw
Marjorie Frances Spindler
Annabel Walker
Dorothy Alice Walsh
Eleanor Marie Zitzow

Irregular Course

Alexander Clapperton
Todd Davis Crooker
Alexander T. Dissel
Herbert Francis Grimes
Edwin Logan
Robert Wells Loud
G. Allan Marini
Robert Melendy
Jean Lumsden Stanwood

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

of the

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

For the Year Ended

December 31, 1941

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

To the Citizens of the Town of Reading:

The Board of Public Works submits herewith its Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1941.

The Board re-organized at the first regularly scheduled meeting after the March election, with Wendell P. Davis re-elected Chairman and Edward A. Brophy, Secretary; Philip Welch was re-appointed as Superintendent.

On February 3, 1941 a letter of resignation was received from Mr. Harold W. Putnam to take effect March 1, 1941. This resignation was accepted with regret by the Board. Mr. Putnam was a member of the Board of Public Works from 1928 to date, a period of 13 years during which time he had also served as Chairman and Secretary of the Board. He was serving as Secretary at the time of his resignation.

A total of forty-three Public Hearings were held during the year, on varied subjects including street layouts, sewer trunk line extensions, Municipal Light Department and New England Telephone and Telegraph pole relocations, granolithic sidewalk installations, etc.

Acting as the Board of Survey, twenty hearings were held on approvals of lines and grades on eighteen new proposed street layouts, many of which were submitted because of new water main installations in previously un-recorded locations.

Permits were granted for street openings in forty-nine instances, six permits were issued for erection of overhanging signs, and four painters-and-riggers operating permits issued.

The Board has co-operated with the Special Drainage Committee in construction of the Quannapowitt Drainage System, loaning both men and equipment from time to time as requested to augment W. P. A. forces. Much of the legal work relevant to land takings on the ditch easement has been handled by the Board of Public Works office.

Building developments during the year have greatly increased the duties of the Water and Highway Departments in both construction and maintenance programs, and it was necessary to obtain a special bond issue for added funds in the Water Department.

Emergency measures have been taken to safeguard the citizens of Reading in relation to preventing possible sabotage to the Pumping Station, with paid employees and volunteer guards. The Board wishes to express its appreciation to the personnel of the Reading Home Defense Corps for the service they are rendering the Town and this Department by acting as voluntary unpaid guards at the Pumping Station. They have performed this service faithfully and conscientiously and deserve the commendation of the Townspeople.

We believe that the report of the Superintendent immediately following this report fully describes in detail the major accomplishments of the various Departments under the control of the Board of Public Works, as well as receipts and expenditures for 1941.

In closing, the Board of Public Works wishes to extend its thanks to the other Town departments and officials for their co-operation and courtesy during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

WENDELL P. DAVIS, Chairman
EDWARD A. BROPHY, Secretary
ALEXANDER LINDSAY
GILBERT M. LOTHROP
EDWARD TEER

Board of Public Works.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the Board of Public Works,
Gentlemen:

As required by Section 4, Chapter 118 of an Act authorizing the Town of Reading to establish a Board of Public Works, I respectfully submit for your consideration the twenty-first annual report of the Department of Public Works. (Water, Highway, Sewer and Park) including a financial report of each department, and a chronicle of the principal work performed with recommendations for the coming year.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Maintenance Account:

Appropriation, Transfers and Bond Issue		$ 74,496.66
Expenditures:		
1. Office Maintenance:		
Pay Roll	$ 2,247.45	
Supplies, Printing, etc.	836.48	
Insurance	804.82	
		$ 3,888.75
2. Pumping Station Costs:		
Station No. 1, Mill St.		
Pay Roll	$ 831.18	
Light, Phone and Fuel	402.63	
Miscellaneous	89.63	
		$ 1,323.44

Station No. 2, Strout Ave.			
Pay Roll	$ 1,979.34		
Light and Power	5,327.03		
Heater Oil	167.27		
Misc. Supplies and Repairs	369.53		
		$	7,843.17
Filtration Plant:			
Pay Roll	$ 403.00		
Engrs., Weston & Sampson	300.00		
Misc. Supplies and Repairs	90.78		
		$	793.78
3. Well Line:			
Pay Roll	$ 1,587.69		
Supplies and Fittings	2,558.93		
Freight and Express	107.45		
		$	4,254.07
4. Maintenance of Meters:			
Pay Roll	$ 1,850.37		
Supplies, Misc.	611.26		
		$	2,461.63
5. Maintenance of Service Pipes:			
Pay Roll	$ 1,469.56		
Supplies and Misc.	1,032.25		
		$	2,501.81
6. Maintenance of Main Pipes:			
Pay Roll	$ 753.99		
Supplies, Tools and Misc.	579.60		
		$	**1,333.59**
7. Maturing Bonds		$	10,000.00
8 Bond Interest		$	1,232.50
9. Truck and Equipment Maint:			
Repairs and Misc. Supplies	$ 206.12		
Gas and Oil	460.42		
		$	666.54

10.	Garage Maintenance:			
	Pay Roll	$ 107.96		
	Fuel Oil	248.55		
	Supplies and Misc.	268.82		
			$ 625.33	
11.	Main Pipe Construction:			
	Pay Roll	$ 8,132.06		
	Pipe	9,455.50		
	Supplies and Fittings	3,722.41		
	Tools	515.27		
	Misc.	334.79		
			$ 22,160.03	
12.	Service Pipe Construction:			
	Pay Roll	$ 2,052.97		
	Pipe	2,485.54		
	Supplies and Fittings	3,038.11		
	Misc.	141.78		
			$ 7,718.40	
13.	Meter Construction:			
	New Meters	$ 1,827.15		
			$ 1,827.15	
14.	Hydrant Maint. & Const.:			
	Pay Roll	$ 1.309.49		
	New Hydrants	1,882.58		
	Supplies and Repairs	253.35		
			$ 3,445.42	
15.	Standpipes:			
	Pay Roll	$ 101.78		
	Painting	1,769.30		
	Misc.	11.72		
			$ 1,882.80	
16.	Miscellaneous		$ 485.69	
	Grand Total Expended			$ 74,444.10
	Balance December 31, 1941			$ 52.56

1941 Receipts

Meter Rates		$ 53,283.13
Service Pipe Maintenance		307.06
Service Pipe Construction		2,101.78
Rent		180.00
Fines		60.40
Hydrant Rental		5,562.60
Hydrant Repairs		64.81
Drinking Fountains		100.00
Sprinklers		42.00
Total Receipts		$ 61,701.18
Total Cost of Water System from beginning to January 1, 1941		$805,379.10
Main Extension—Maintenance Account	$ 22,160.03	
Meters	1,827.15	
		$ 23,987.18
Total Cost, December 31, 1941		$829,366.28

Water Bonds and Interest

There were $10,000.00 in bonds payable in 1941.

The interest on serial bonds for the year 1941 amounted to $1,232.50.

There are $12,000.00 in bonds and $992.50 interest due in 1942 as follows:

Payable	Interest	Bonds
March 15, 1942	$ 20.00	
April 1, 1942	37.50	
April 15, 1942	305.00	$ 2,000.00
June 1, 1942	182.50	3,000.00
Sept. 15, 1942	20.00	1,000.00
Oct. 1, 1942	37.50	2,000.00
Oct. 15, 1942	270.00	4,000.00
Dec. 1, 1942	120.00	
	$ 992.50	$ 12,000.00

Rainfall at Pumping Station

Month	Normal Rain-Fall—Inches	Rainfall in 1941—Inches	Excess or Deficiency—1941
January	3.40	3.16	— .24
February	3.25	1.88	—1.37
March	3.69	2.51	—1.18
April	3.96	1.87	—2.09
May	2.90	2.24	— .66
June	3.57	2.09	—1.48
July	3.32	3.66	+ .34
August	3.31	3.05	— .26
September	3.74	.58	—3.16
October	2.90	2.13	— .77
November	3.16	2.38	— .78
December	3.45	4.08	+ .63
Totals	40.65	29.63	—11.02

The average rainfall for Massachusetts as deduced by the State Department of Public Health from long continued observations in various parts of the Commonwealth is 44.54 inches.

As may be seen by a table in this report showing the amount of rainfall for the years 1900-1941 inclusive, the average rainfall at the Reading Pumping Station No. 1 on Mill Street is 40.65 inches.

The rainfall in 1941 in Reading was a deficiency of 14.91 inches compared with the State observations and a deficiency of 11.02 inches compared with the Reading Pumping Station observations.

There was a deficiency of rainfall in the months of January, February, March, April, May, June, August, September, October, and November of 11.99 inches, and an excess in the months of July and December of .97 inches, comparing each month with an average rainfall at Reading Pumping Station between the years 1900-1941 inclusive. The total amount of rainfall in Reading for the year 1941 of 29.63 inches is the lowest amount ever recorded from our observations.

The greatest amount of rainfall in 1941 for any one month was in December, with a fall of 4.08 inches; in any one day, Saturday, December 13, 1941 with a fall of 2.68 inches. The year's total rainfall of 29.63 inches was a deficiency of 9.61 inches from the total rainfall of 1940, which was 39.24 inches.

The elevations of the Hundred Acre Meadow Pumping Station is approximately eighty feet above sea level.

Table Showing Amount of Rain and Melted Snow

Day of Month	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1					.04	.04					1.29	.01
2	.11	.06			.08							.27
3	.52		T							.58		
4	.28		.05		.08	.64	.01		.05			
5				.24		.37				.08		.12
6											.67	
7		1.55	.06		.01		.06			.02	T	
8			1.21		.20		.06					
9					.47						.16	
10					.21				.33	.61		
11			.51					.06				
12							.65					
13				.08		.12	.04					2.68
14		.20				.06				T		.18
15						.05	T	.05				
16	1.08			.04								
17	T		.13	.02	.57		.08					
18				.10				.20		.37		
19							.11	.07				T
20												
21												
22						.15					.12	
23				.60	.37	.19		T			.14	.11
24	1.17		.33		.03							.66
25			.15				.78	.93				
26				T								
27				.32	.04		.06			.21		
28		.07			.14		1.52					.05
29			.07			.47					T	
30				.47			.21	.02	.20	.05		
31							.08	1.72		.21		
Monthly Totals	3.16	1.88	2.51	1.87	2.24	2.09	3.66	3.05	.58	2.13	2.38	4.08
Totals to Date	3.16	5.04	7.55	9.42	11.66	13.75	17.41	20.46	21.04	23.17	25.55	29.63

AMOUNT OF RAINFALL FOR YEARS 1900 TO 1941 INCLUSIVE

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1900	5.32	8.69	5.03	2.15	4.60	3.13	1.90	3.17	4.15	3.31	5.05	2.44	48.94
1901	1.33	1.08	5.88	9.59	7.21	1.74	4.65	2.66	3.59	2.76	3.06	8.10	51.65
1902	1.80	6.11	4.69	6.22	1.69	1.98	3.02	3.75	4.01	4.91	.99	5.60	44.77
1903	3.84	3.16	6.38	4.95	.48	8.91	3.40	3.42	2.29	3.69	1.33	2.59	44.44
1904	4.42	2.21	2.21	9.90	3.56	2.56	1.83	4.26	5.16	2.02	1.80	2.25	42.23
1905	5.44	1.47	2.92	2.59	1.39	6.11	1.19	3.30	7.87	1.20	2.22	3.72	39.42
1906	2.60	2.53	6.48	2.84	5.14	2.63	5.88	4.18	1.36	2.38	3.31	3.08	42.41
1907	3.97	2.10	2.40	3.21	2.89	3.80	3.58	1.33	7.90	3.36	6.83	3.80	44.97
1908	3.07	4.28	2.72	1.71	4.00	1.58	3.09	4.07	.86	3.56	1.10	2.66	32.70
1909	4.17	5.33	3.57	3.95	1.97	2.14	3.59	2.75	3.74	1.23	4.06	3.60	40.10
1910	4.54	3.14	1.58	2.32	1.19	4.36	1.98	2.61	2.45	1.48	4.30	1.92	31.87
1911	2.25	2.94	3.12	1.89	.67	3.43	4.79	3.80	2.94	2.91	4.14	3.57	36.45
1912	2.68	2.42	5.04	4.05	5.73	.29	6.44	2.02	3.02	1.45	3.10	4.80	41.04
1913	2.48	2.64	4.51	3.76	3.45	.93	1.68	3.48	3.66	7.56	2.13	3.24	39.52
1914	3.34	3.65	4.09	6.32	2.76	1.44	2.34	2.78	.23	1.51	2.92	3.69	35.07
1915	5.52	3.54	0.00	2.72	1.68	4.60	8.76	6.66	.70	2.80	2.93	5.47	45.38
1916	1.22	5.37	3.37	5.14	4.59	5.86	3.13	2.30	3.11	1.01	1.94	2.01	39.05
1917	2.92	2.41	4.18	2.90	4.00	4.78	1.19	3.70	1.46	5.75	1.39	2.65	37.33
1918	3.08	3.02	2.02	4.10	.85	3.04	2.99	2.81	8.37	1.02	2.24	2.48	36.02
1919	3.24	3.61	4.01	2.46	5.44	.88	3.22	3.83	5.65	2.63	6.20	1.53	42.70
1920	2.75	6.46	4.21	5.75	3.27	5.24	1.94	2.02	4.27	1.16	4.67	4.82	46.56
1921	2.09	3.43	2.43	5.48	1.86	4.02	9.79	1.96	1.74	1.57	6.50	2.28	43.15
1922	1.77	2.72	4.27	1.37	5.08	11.27	4.88	3.29	3.68	2.73	1.06	3.12	45.24
1923	6.95	1.67	2.60	5.17	1.56	2.79	1.98	3.17	.82	3.63	4.13	4.83	39.30
1924	3.77	2.55	1.71	4.25	3.10	2.53	2.70	4.80	7.95	.05	2.56	1.52	37.49
1925	4.28	2.14	7.66	2.95	2.05	5.62	3.13	2.37	2.16	4.66	3.94	5.53	46.49
1926	2.53	4.41	2.83	2.24	2.19	1.80	2.08	3.30	1.32	3.95	3.89	3.08	33.62
1927	2.32	3.18	1.30	1.43	2.19	2.27	3.04	5.28	2.68	4.10	4.18	4.77	36.74
1928	2.17	3.37	1.45	5.13	2.77	6.63	3.65	3.84	4.18	2.96	2.28	2.57	41.00
1929	3.14	3.76	3.49	6.81	3.50	1.21	1.19	4.53	2.41	2.49	2.87	3.63	39.03
1930	2.48	2.05	3.29	1.90	3.38	2.19	4.07	2.77	.79	4.45	3.68	2.20	33.25
1931	3.27	2.72	4.94	3.07	3.53	6.47	3.76	4.11	1.97	2.43	1.26	3.72	41.25
1932	3.92	1.90	4.83	2.01	1.17	1.81	2.04	5.09	7.24	7.26	5.25	1.29	43.81
1933	2.27	3.46	7.22	6.51	2.70	1.27	1.47	4.41	9.97	3.50	.96	3.47	47.21
1934	3.17	3.29	5.13	3.09	2.52	4.00	1.25	1.72	6.43	3.89	2.03	2.70	39.23
1935	6.13	3.23	1.06	4.72	1.44	6.21	2.67	1.98	4.03	.58	4.36	.90	37.31
1936	6.60	3.09	7.23	3.01	2.05	2.73	1.75	4.49	4.15	1.59	1.37	8.24	46.30
1937	4.50	1.80	3.21	4.61	3.13	3.45	.97	3.31	3.04	4.48	5.18	4.89	43.17
1938	4.08	2.07	2.11	3.12	3.51	7.18	11.42	2.19	8.33	2.93	1.86	2.85	51.65
1939	2.08	3.48	4.00	4.47	2.02	2.77	.73	3.13	2.45	4.66	.77	2.92	33.48
1940	2.52	4.34	3.68	4.65	3.52	2.41	2.58	.80	4.59	1.05	6.67	2.73	39.24
1941	3.16	1.88	2.51	1.87	2.24	2.09	3.66	3.05	.58	2.13	2.38	4.08	29.63
Average	3.40	3.25	3.69	3.96	2.90	3.57	3.32	3.31	3.74	2.90	3.16	3.45	40.65

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

For Year Ending December 31, 1941

Reading Water Department

Reading, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

General Statistics

Population by census of 1940: 10,861.

Date of Construction: 1890, Mill Street; 1931, Grove Street.

By Whom Owned: Town of Reading.

Sources of Supply: Filter Gallery and Artesian Wells.

Mode of Supply: (whether gravity or pumping): Pumping.

Pumping Statistics

Builders of Pumping Machinery: Sullivan Machine Co., George F. Blake Mfg. Co., Platt Iron Works, DeLaval Steam Turbine Co.

Electric Pumps at Grove Street Station

Description of Pumps:

(A) Pumping Unit No. 1—2-stage 5/4 DeLaval, 75 H. P. 1750 R. P. M. 3 phase 60 cycle, 440 volts, 650 G. P. M.

(B) Pumping Unit No. 2—2-stage 8/6 DeLaval, 125 H. P. 1750 R. P. M. 3 phase 60 cycle, 440 volts, 1000 G. P. M.

K. W. H. used for year: 305,200.

Power cost for year: $5,327.03.

Total Pumpage by Venturi Meter: 245,332,500 gallons.

Cost of Pumping per Million Gallons, power only: $21.71.

Average number gallons pumped per K. W. H.: 803.84.

Cost of Pumping figured on Total Pumping Station No. 2 expenses, per Million Gallons pumped: $31.97.

Cost of Filtration, per Million Gallons, figured on Filtration Plant Expenses: $3.23.

Total cost of supplying water, per Million Gallons, figured on Total Maintenance, plus Interest on Bonds: $115.87.

Average Static Head against which pumps work: 227.

Average Dynamic Head against which pumps work: 258.

Statistics Relating to Distribution Mains

Kind of Pipe: Cast Iron, Galvanized Iron.

Sizes: 1¼ inches to 12 inches.

Extended: 8,774.41 feet of 6" Cast Iron Main, 238.80 feet of 1¼" Cement Lined Black W. I. Main.

Total in use at present: 52.49 Miles (6" to 12").

Cost of Maintenance per mile: $25.40.

Number of Hydrants added during year: 16.

Number of Hydrants in use (public and private): 328.

Number of Stop Gates added during year: 20.

Number of Stop Gates now in use: 845.

Number of Stop Gates smaller than 4": 152.
Number of Blow Offs added during year: 1.
Number of Blow Offs now in use: 29.
Range of Pressure on Mains: 45-90 lbs.

Statistics Relating to Suction Mains

Kind of Pipe: Cast Iron.
Sizes of Pipe: 16", 12", 10", 8".
Total number of feet in use: 116 feet of 16", 1270 feet of 12", 1232 feet of 10", 3121 feet of 8". Total—5,739 feet.
Gates in use on Suction Mains: 1-16", 4-12", 1-10", 3-8", 100-2½" Gates.
Wells in use: Line A—12 Wells; Line B—16 Wells; Line C—11 Wells; Line D—12 Wells; Line E—9 Wells; Line F—12 Wells; Line G—7 Wells; Line H—8 Wells; Line I—13 Wells; Total—100 Wells.

Statistics Relating to Services

Services: Kinds of Pipe: Cast Iron, Galvanized Iron, Lead Lined, Cement Lined ,and Copper Tubing.
Sizes: ¾" to 6".
Extended: 8,181.50 feet.
Total in use: 43.46 miles.
Number of active service taps added during year: 135.
Number of service taps in use: 2712.
Average length of services—1941: 60.60 feet.
Average cost of service to owner—1941: $15.21.
Number of water meters tested: 417.
Number of water meters repaired: 186.
Number of water meters added: 138.
Number of water meters junked: 12.
Number of water meters now in use: 3203.

COMPARATIVE TOTAL PUMPAGE DURING PAST TEN YEARS
1932 to 1941 inclusive

Year	Annual Pumpage (Gallons)	Increase or Decrease (Gallons)	Average Daily Pumpage (Gallons)	Increase or Decrease (Gallons)	Cost per Million Gallons Pumped Figured on Total Maint. and Int. on Bonds	Estimated Population
1932	161,609,500	16,685,576 Inc.	441,423	44,372 Inc.	120.73	9,747
1933	171,847,300	10,237,800 Inc.	470,389	28,966 Inc.	113.22	9,747
1934	221,260,400	49,413,100 Inc.	606,192	135,803 Inc.	115.05	9,767
1935	248,075,400	26,815,000 Inc.	679,658	73,466 Inc.	90.61	10,703
1936	249,110,100	1,034,700 Inc.	680,629	971 Inc.	100.70	10,703
1937	212,484,400	36,625,700 Dec.	582,149	98,480 Dec.	129.81	10,703
1938	13,.53,400	1,360,000 Inc.	585,900	3,751 Inc.	122.24	10,703
1939	245,937,900	32,083,600 Inc.	673,809	87,900 Inc.	106.93	10,703
1940	245,786,000	151,000 Dec	671,546	2,254 Dec.	99.06	10,861
1941	245,332,500	453,500 Dec.	672,143	597 Inc.	115.87	10,861

IRON REMOVAL PLANT

Chemical and Microscopic Character of Raw Water—1941

(Unfiltered—Direct from Tubular Wells) (Parts per Million)

Month	No. of Test Days	Iron	Hardness	Carbon Dioxide		Dissolved Oxygen		Manganese	P. H. Value*
				Ave.	Max.	P.P.M.	% Sat.		
January	1	1.30	....	42.0	....	....	....	0.320	6.1
February	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....
March	1	1.30	....	39.0	....	0.9	7.5	0.160	6.1
April	1	1.40	....	38.0	....	....	....	0.150	6.0
May	1	1.50	....	36.0	....	....	....	0.160	6.1
June	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....
July	2	1.20	....	40.0	42.0	1.7	9.5	0.150	6.1
August	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....
September	2	2.20	....	40.0	46.0	1.6	14.0	0.240	6.3
October	1	1.60	....	34.0	....	....	....	0.280	6.1
November	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....
December	2	1.90	....	37.7	38.0	0.3	2.9	0.330	6.1
Total	11	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....
Average	..	1.55	....	38.3	....	1.1	8.5	0.22	6.1

Chemical and Microscopic Character of Water Delivered to Mains—1941

(Filtered Water as Delivered from Iron Removal Plant) (Parts per Million)

Month	No. of Test Days	Iron	Hardness	Carbon Dioxide		Dissolved Oxygen		Manganese	P. H. Value
				Ave.	Max.	P.P.M.	% Sat.		
January	1	0.20	....	3.0	....	....	....	0.004	7.3
February	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....
March	1	0.22	....	3.0	....	11.2	94.5	0.004	7.3
April	1	0.23	....	4.0	....	....	....	0.004	7.2
May	1	0.19	....	3.0	....	....	....	0.006	7.3
June	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....
July	2	0.16	....	4.3	4.5	11.3	98.6	0.007	7.2
August	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....
September	2	0.15	....	4.5	5.0	11.2	100.0	0.003	7.2
October	1	0.20	....	3.0	....	....	....	0.004	7.4
November	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....
December	2	0.17	....	4.0	4.0	11.7	98.0	0.004	7.3
Total	11	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....
Average	..	0.19	....	3.6	....	11.4	97.8	0.005	7.3

*Hydrogen Ion Concentration.

YEARLY RECORD OF HUNDRED ACRE MEADOW PUMPING STATION

January 1, 1941 to December 31, 1941

Month	No. Days	No. Hrs.	No. Min.	Gals. Pumped Venturi Meter	Total Head	Power K.W.H.	Gallons Per K.W.H.	Rain-fall	Fuel Oil	DailyAverage Gal. Pumped
January.....	31	355	45	19,086,100	227	23,500	812.17	3.16	715	615,680
February.....	28	315	30	16,899,400	227	21,200	797.14	1.88	350	603,550
March.....	31	345	45	18,598,100	227	23,200	801.64	2.51	410	599,938
April.....	30	335	30	18,151,000	227	22,100	821.31	1.87	175	605,033
May.....	31	382	30	20,703,900	227	25,200	821.58	2.24	...	667,867
June.....	30	418	00	23,433,300	227	29,000	808.04	2.09	...	781,110
July.....	31	485	45	27,060,000	227	33,400	810.17	3.66	...	872,903
August.....	31	436	40	23,146,000	227	29,800	776.07	3.05	...	746,645
September....	30	387	15	21,329,000	227	26,300	810.98	.58	221	714,653
October.....	31	360	30	19,751,900	227	24,800	796.44	2.13	...	637,158
November....	30	338	15	18,569,000	227	23,300	796.95	2.38	75	618,966
December....	31	339	30	18,604,800	227	23,400	795.07	4.08	285	600,155
Totals.....	365	4,500	55	245,332,500	227	305,200	803.84	29.63	2,231	672,143

MAIN WATER PIPE EXTENSIONS

Street	Section	Size and Length of Extension				
		12″	8″	6″	1¼″	Total
Nichols St.	277 Summer Ave., Easterly	....	....	368.9	.....	368.9
West Hill Circle	551 West St., Southerly, Westerly, Northerly to 461 West St.	....	....	623.0	.....	623.0
George St.	16 George St. to 20 George St.	....	....	11.7	.....	11.7
South St.	332 South St., Easterly to 336 South St.	....	....	.....	83.3	83.3
Springvale Rd.	Westerly from 1940 Construction	....	....	219.5	.....	219.5
Lowell St.	481 Lowell St. to Causeway Rd.	....	....	455.9	.....	455.9
Causeway Rd.	Lowell St., Southerly	....	....	944.4	.....	944.4
Beverly Rd.	Lowell St., Northerly	....	....	320.0	.....	320.0
Bond St.	1940 Extension, Northerly	....	....	465.5	.....	465.5
Wadsworth Rd.	Forest St. to Tennyson-Whittier Rds.	....	....	228.0	.....	228.0
Whittier Rd.	Wadsworth Rd., Southeasterly and Southwesterly	....	....	866.15	.....	866.15
Hillside Rd.	25 Hillside Rd., Westerly	....	....	161.5	.....	161.5
Fairmount Rd.	North (Private) St., Northerly	....	....	142.7	.....	142.7
Wescroft Rd.	1940 Extension, Westerly	....	....	545.6	.....	545.6
Lewis St.	End 1940 Accept., Westerly to County Rd.	....	....	469.0	.....	469.0
County Rd.	Lewis St., Northerly to Howard St.	....	....	272.8	.....	272.8
Cape Cod Ave.	Lowell St. opp. Hanscom Ave., Southerly	....	....	30.0	.....	30.0
Dustin Rd.	16 Dustin Rd., Westerly	....	....	.....	155.5	155.5
Charles St.	Intersection of Harrison St.	....	....	30.0	.....	30.0
Indiana Ave.	Northerly to California Rd.	....	....	245.5	.....	245.5
California Rd.	Indiana Ave., Easterly	....	....	110.0	.....	110.0
Tennsyon Rd.	Wadsworth Rd. to Tennyson Terrace.	....	....	346.66	.....	346.66
Cape Cod Ave.	1937 Extension, Northerly	....	....	124.0	.....	124.0
Lawrence Rd.	Hampshire Rd., Northeasterly	....	....	233.0	.....	233.0
Pleasant St.	Westerly Gardner Rd. to John St.	....	....	1,005.6	.....	1,005.6
Wilson St.	Northerly from Pleasant St.	....	....	28.0	.....	28.0
Swan Rd.	Van Norden Rd., Southerly	....	....	226.0	.....	226.0
Haverhill St.	Wakefield St., Southerly	....	....	205.0	.....	205.0
Libby Ave.	100 Libby Ave., Northerly	....	....	96.0	.....	96.0
Totals		....	....	8,774.41	238.80	9,013.21

NEW HYDRANT SET

Make	Location	Gated
O. S. Chapman	Nichols St., North Side, Front of No. 18	Yes
Corey	Grove St., West Side, near Golf Club Driveway	Yes
Corey	Grove St., West Side, opposite Old Road to Town Forest	Yes
Corey	Grove St., West Side, near stone retaining wall	Yes
Corey	Strout Ave., East Side, corner New Road to Town Forest	Yes
Corey	Coolidge Rd., West Side, North of No. 11	Yes
Corey	Springvale Rd., North Side, Front of No. 25	Yes
Corey	Lowell St., South Side, corner Causeway Rd.	Yes
Corey	Causeway Rd., West Side, near No. 23	Yes
Corey	Whittier Rd., West Side, opposite No. 2	Yes
O. S. Chapman	Whittier Rd., West Side, near No. 35	Yes
Corey	Wescroft Rd., North Side, opposite No. 32	Yes
Corey	County Rd., West Side, opposite Lewis St.	Yes
Corey	California Rd., North Side, corner Indiana Ave.	Yes
Corey	Cape Cod Ave., West Side, opposite No. 17	Yes
Corey	Pleasant St., South Side, front of Hunts Nipple Factory	Yes

HYDRANTS MOVED, RAISED OR REPLACED

Make	Location	Operation	Make Set	Gated
Chapman	Main St., West Side, South of No. 930	Replaced Hydrant. Set back to safer location	Corey	Yes
O. S. Chapman	Lowell St., North Side, Easterly corner Bancroft Ave.	Replaced Hydrant	Corey	Yes
O. S. Chapman	High St., East Side, opp. Vine St.	Replaced Hydrant. Moved 5 ft. Southerly	Corey	Yes
O. S. Chapman	Main St., West Side, opp. Charles St.	Replaced Hydrant. Moved 6 ft. Northerly	Corey	Yes
O. S. Chapman	Federal St., North Side, front of No. 35	Replaced Hydrant and Gated	N. S. Chapman	Yes

KIND AND SIZES OF METERS IN USE JANUARY 1, 1942

Make	5/8"	3/4"	1"	1 1/4"	1 1/2"	2"	3"	4"	8"	Totals
Nash	1,524	14	13	1	3	3	..	..	..	1,558
Hersey	534	11	24	6	9	7	1	1	1	594
Empire	257	1	2	..	1	..	2	..	..	263
Gamon	182	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	184
Pittsburg	144	13	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	159
Trident	205	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	207
Crown	69	2	2	..	3	9	..	..	..	85
Lambert	49	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	51
Union	46	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	48
Worthington	35	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	36
Keystone	1	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	9
Federal	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Thompson	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Columbia	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Gem	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Totals	3,057	43	47	17	17	21	3	1	1	3,207

MAIN PIPE CONSTRUCTION

The new home building boom which Reading experienced in 1941 resulted in a record-breaking construction year for the Water Department. Main water pipe extensions were made to two major low-cost housing developments, several minor developments of from two to six houses each, a number of single dwelling houses, and on one private way where no water main formerly existed. A total of twenty-nine separate main pipe extensions were made, twenty-four of which were installed under the 4% guarantee system. A table contained in this report may be referred to, to ascertain the location, size, and length of 1941 main water pipe extensions.

The longest individual extension was made on Lowell Street and Causeway Road, to supply five houses with water. These houses depended on private wells for water supply, and due to the extended drouth, the wells failed. To make this extension, it was necessary to cross the Boston & Maine Railroad Portland Division tracks on Lowell Street, and, after investigating the cost of passing under the tracks or over the bridge, it was decided to cross on the bridge. As special iron hangers and pipe casing were necessary for the bridge crossing, six-inch mains were laid on Lowell Street, each side of the bridge, and on Causeway Road, and a temporary 1¼" connection laid on the bridge. This was done to relieve the water shortage experienced by the residents of Causeway Road. When the hangers and pipe casings were procured, the six-inch pipe was extended over the bridge, enclosed in the insulated casing to prevent freezing.

On Lowell Street, at Cape Cod (Proposed) Avenue, and on Charles Street, at Harrison Street, six-inch extensions were made for future use, to eliminate the necessity of excavating the roadway, which have been or will be included in Chapter 90 roadway construction.

An extension on Pleasant Street from Gardner Road to John Street, with a side connection to Wilson Street, was made to eliminate dead-end water mains and improve circulation and pressure, also to allow a fire hydrant to be set near Hunts' Nipple Factory for needed fire protection.

On Haverhill Street, corner Wakefield Street, it was necessary, because of the poor quality of water due to a dead-end main, to extend a six-inch main Southerly on Haverhill Street to improve existing conditions.

As of January 1, 1942, the Reading water distribution system comprises 52.49 miles of water mains in sizes 6" to 12", besides other mains of smaller size.

It is expected that 1942 will bring a greatly reduced amount of main pipe construction.

Main Pipe Maintenance

There were three main pipe breaks during the year, two of which were due to blown joints, and one an actual break in a 12" supply main.

On Tuesday, September 30, at 9:50 P. M., a break was reported in the 12" supply main on Main Street between Franklin and Mill Street. The 12" gate at Main and Franklin Streets was closed at 10:40 P. M., leaving the entire section North of Franklin Street without water. Excavation started immediately to repair the break, and work continued until early evening on Wednesday. The break was found to be a four-foot split in the bottom of a length of pipe. Cause of the break was apparently due to the close proximity to the pipe of a large boulder, which, with continual vibration of the roadway from passing heavy trucks, caused the pipe to split. The split section of pipe was removed and a short length of pipe and a solid repair sleeve installed in its place. Water service was resumed at 2:30 P. M. Wednesday. Approximately four feet of water was lost from the standpipes by the break.

On Lowell Street, south side, Easterly and Westerly from Deering Street, it was possible to salvage some hundred and fifty lineal feet of 8" cast iron water pipe and two 8" gate valves, also various cast iron fittings. Services formerly connected to this salvaged main were connected to a newer 8" main on the Northerly side of Lowell Street.

Late in the Fall, a systematic investigation was begun of all main gate valve boxes. Measured tie distances are on record of all valve boxes but, as these ties were taken from semi-permanent landmarks such as trees, poles, buildings, etc., some of them many years ago, and many of which have from time to time been removed, it has become necessary to relocate many of the boxes. As each box is relocated, an inspection is made of the condition and accessibility of the gate valve itself, and any repairs or changes necessary are made. In several in-

stances, boxes have been either raised or lowered to grade, broken boxes replaced, and dirt-filled boxes cleaned out.

Service Pipe Construction and Maintenance

New water service connections were made to 135 dwelling houses in 1941, establishing a record high for the Department in yearly services installed. Of these, three were replacements of old services, making a total of 132 services to newly constructed dwelling houses, which for the greater percentage, were constructed in two housing developments. One of these, called the Emerson Estates, off Forest Street, totaled 37 new water services; the other, Wescroft Park, off West Street, totaled 12 new services. Various other smaller building developments accounted for the greater part of the remaining services installed, although a number of new services were installed to owner-built residences.

Although many lots are still available for building in Reading's various housing developments, it is not anticipated, with the increasing shortage of building materials brought about by the nation's war efforts, that service pipe construction in 1942 will in any respect equal that of 1941, unless, as has happened in other nearby communities, housing for industrial war workers is alloted to Reading, which has been included by the War Department in the Lynn defense area.

Water services installed in 1941 totaled 8,181.50 feet in length, with an average length per individual service of 60.60 feet, at an average cost of service to owners of $15.21. As of January 1, 1941, there are 43.46 miles of service pipe in use in the water distribution system, totaling 2,712 individual service taps, in sizes ranging from ¾" to 6".

During the year, thirteen water services developed leaks, in the street sections thereof. Some of these were due to pipe failures, others to blown corporation leads. In several instances, these services were relaid with new pipe. Two services became frozen during the year, and it was necessary to either raise or lower five services for construction purposes, and one to prevent freezing. Four services were excavated and relaid, in one instance with larger pipe, in the other instances to improve poor pressure.

An increasing amount of complaints of poor pressure in house services have been received, caused mainly by the accumulation of sediment in the older galvanized service pipes. A method of improving pressure in these services has been devised, whereby, with a flexible wire cable, the service pipe is rodded and cleaned out from house cellars to supply mains. A number of services were so treated during the year.

On Lowell Street, prior to Chapter 90 roadway construction, several old services were renewed in the street, to insure against the excavation of the new roadway at a later date. Also on Lowell Street, several

services were connected to an eight inch supply main and a section of 1¼" main abandoned.

Increased roadway and granolithic sidewalk construction necessitated adjustment to grade of many curb boxes, with a resultant replacement of many old style curb box tops. In all instances of new granolithic sidewalks, an improved type of box top, set flush with the sidewalk surface, is used.

On 22 water services, it was necessary to renew pipes through cellar walls, and 46 new cellar shut offs or Y valves were installed, at the owners request and expense. An increasing number of requests for new cellar shut-offs are being received from house-holders who, complying with A. R. P. wardens instructions for emergency air raid precautions in private homes, have found cellar shut offs in either poor condition or difficult to operate. The new type of hand wheel Y valve on which the Water Department has standardized is easily operated with a minimum of effort.

Meter Maintenance

There were a total of 427 water meters of various sizes, handled by the meter department in 1941. Of these, 417 were tested, and 186 were cleaned and repaired. Fifteen old meters were replaced with either new or reconditioned meters, and 12 of the replaced meters were junked. New meters were set at 142 locations, mainly on new services. There are 74 meters in the meter room from services temporarily shut off from unoccupied houses. Sixteen meters were frozen during the cold seasons. As of January 1, 1942 there are in use 3,203 water meters, in sizes from ⅝" to 8".

The annual inspection of meter boxes was made and meters protected against freezing by insulation with sheet-felt sheathing. One new brick meter box was constructed on Franklin Street.

Fire Hydrants

Sixteen new fire hydrants were added to the water system during the year, twelve of which were installed on new water main extensions, and four on existing mains for additional fire protection. There are now a total of 328 fire hydrants, public and private, in use.

On Grove Street, three hydrants were set and connected to the new 12" auxiliary supply main, and one hydrant was set on Strout Avenue. As Grove Street and Strout Avenue each contain two 12" direct supply mains, it was deemed advisable to have hydrants connected to each, as, if one main was out of commission, fire hydrants connected thereto would be out also. The hydrants are plainly marked showing to which main they are connected and are placed near each other on the streets. If necessary, both sets of hydrants may be used simultaneously.

Six hydrants were accidently broken by vehicles during the year, three by pleasure cars, two by trucks, and one by a sidewalk tractor snow-plow unit. Owners of motor vehicles involved in these breaks were billed for the damage caused. No appreciable amount of water was lost from any of the breaks, and each hydrant was quickly repaired.

Five hydrants were replaced, of which three were also moved several feet to locations less apt to be damaged by vehicular traffic, and one hydrant, not formerly gated, was gated. One of these hydrants was broken twice by vehicles during the year.

The usual Fall inspection of fire hydrants was made, and minor repairs made as required, such as repacking, oiling and greasing stuffing boxes, freeing plugged drips, etc., as well as painting new and replaced hydrants. All hydrants were found to be in good working condition.

During the two general alarm forest fires on Thanksgiving Day, many hydrants on several streets were used to combat these fires by both local and out-of-town fire departments.

Well System

In a year of record-breaking drouth, with the normal rainfall for the year showing a deficiency of rainfall for ten months of the year totaling 11.02 inches, no shortage of water supply was experienced at Hundred Acre well field. Although daily readings of ground water levels taken from the test wells showed a slight decrease from Spring high water levels during the extremely dry summer months, the nearer-normal rains of October, November and December showed a marked increase in the underground reserve supply, which on January 1, 1942, is near normal levels. As no water shortage threatened during the year, consumers were not requested by the department to refrain from using water for other than personal uses.

A new line of driven wells and suction main, Line I was installed during the early Fall months. A new section of Hundred Acres Meadow, hitherto untapped, is to be developed as increased water consumption requires. Well Line I was laid out on a planned course which will eventually result in six separate well lines from this source of supply. A total of 292 feet of 10" and 408 feet of 8" heavy cast iron suction main and 13 driven wells 2½" in diameter, averaging 46 feet in depth, and all excellent producers, are included in Well Line I. The well line was constructed in its entirety by departmental employees. The driven well system now consists of 106, 2½" driven wells, of which 100 are now in use. Four wells are out of service on Line A, one on Line B, and one on Line F. These wells have become sand-bound, which condition will be remedied in the Spring of 1942.

Brush was cut from the immediate vicinity of all well lines early in February, to allow access to wells for maintenance purposes. The

usual Spring and Fall inspection, cleaning and pumping of all wells was accomplished and repairs made as required.

Several wells now located in relatively poor quality water areas may be pulled out, the suction main pertinent thereto salvaged, and an existing well line in a better water bearing strata extended.

Filtration Plant

A total of 245,332,500 gallons of raw water direct from the driven wells, averaging 672,143 gallons per day, was aerated and filtered by the Iron Removal Plant during the year, at a cost of $3.23 per million gallons filtered. A table in this report may be referred to for the results obtained.

No. 1 Filter was raked twice and scraped twice and No. 2 Filter was raked twice and scraped three times during the year, to break up and remove iron deposit films on filter surfaces. The ejector box was used five times during the year to wash filter sand. The settling basins, located beneath the coke filters, were drained and the accumulated iron hydrate deposits washed out.

Stand Pipes

Bare Hill Standpipe, which was erected in 1930, after eleven years of continuous service, was painted on both its exterior and interior surfaces in 1941. Water was drained from Bare Hill Standpipe during the night of June 10 and 11, preparatory to cleaning and painting the interior of the Standpipe. Auburn Street Standpipe was filled and shut off from the distribution system, while Bare Hill Standpipe was drawn down to a safe level. Then, during the night, Auburn Street Standpipe was cut back in, and Bare Hill Standpipe drawn off, the sediment and settlings in the bottom of Bare Hill Standpipe being pumped out the morning of June 11 and the bottom of the tank thoroughly cleaned out. While the painting program was in progress, Hundred Acre Pumping Station received constant attention to safeguard against possible emergencies.

Prior to painting the standpipes' exterior, in view of the unsettled international situation and the possibility of the United States entry in the European war, with possibilities of enemy air raids and bombings, an earnest effort was made to secure authoritative official advice as to the feasibility of camouflaging the standpipe. The State Committee on Public Safety, the United States Army, and other likely sources of information were contacted, and, after some time had elapsed, a communication was received advising that experience in England proved that water tanks and standpipes have not been used as bombing targets. Therefore, the usual aluminum color was used on the standpipes' exterior.

After the entry of the United States into the war, however, it was deemed advisable to take certain precautions regarding both standpipes, which, from their positions on high hill-tops, make excellent landmarks clearly visible from miles away. These precautions consisted of painting out the READING legend engrossed on the sides of Auburn Street Standpipe, and of painting, with a neutral earth-brown color, the tops of both standpipes.

At Bare Hill Standpipe, it was necessary to install a new frame and cover on the valve pit chamber ,to replace a cover and frame stolen by vandals, who remain unapprehended. Owing to its isolated position, Bare Hill Standpipe has long been a favorite location for vandals and malicious miscreants.

PUMPING STATIONS

Hundred Acre Station

This station operated daily during 1941, averaging 12.33 hours operation per day for the year, and delivered 245,332,500 gallons of raw water to the Iron Removal Plant and filtered water to the distribution mains, averaging 672,143 gallons per day, at a cost of pumping figured on total pumping station expenses of $31.97 per million gallons pumped. The greatest amount pumped in any one day was on Friday, June 27, 1941 with a total pumpage of 1,241,900 gallons; in any one week, from July 18 to July 24, inclusive, with a total pumpage of 7,649,900 gallons.

Some few repairs were necessary to the pumping equipment in 1941. The 75 H. P. pumping unit required new shaft sleeves, the low lift pump, a new pump shaft, and the Simplex meter clock was repaired. No interruption in pumping service was occasioned by any of these repairs.

On Thursday morning, December 11, 1941 a communication was received by the department from the Board of Selectmen requesting that a 24-hour daily guard be instituted as a war emergency measure at Hundred Acre Pumping Station, to prevent possible sabotage of the water supply system. At 12:00 noon the same day an employee of the department was stationed at the Pumping Station in compliance with this request. Since noon of December 11, 1941 the station and filter plant at Hundred Acres has been under constant surveillance, with paid employees of the department on duty Monday through Friday from 12 midnight to 6 P. M. daily, and to 12 noon Saturdays. For the remainder of the time, Monday through Friday from 6 P. M. to 12 midnight and from 12 noon Saturdays to 12 midnight Sundays, volunteer guard

duty is carried out by members of the Reading Home Defense Corps, a semi-military organization who are also commissioned as Reading Defense Police. The Department wishes to here convey the appreciation of the Town of Reading to the personnel of the Corps for their cheerful and willing voluntary guard duty at the Pumping Station.

One half of the two-car brick garage at the Station has been made into a guard room, with heat and lights. Material for sheathing walls and ceiling, and floor boards, was purchased by the Department, and Corps members furnished the labor voluntarily for installation of same. Flood lights have been installed at strategic locations near pumping station and filter plant, and barriers erected on Strout Avenue and the old Town Forest roadway to exclude visitors from grounds adjacent to the water supply area. A telephone connection has been ordered for the station, but, owing to war conditions, has not as yet been installed.

The guard duty is expected to continue until the war emergency and/or danger of sabotage is past.

Mill Street Pumping Station

This station did not operate during the year, but was maintained in readiness for use in event of an emergency. During the winter months, boilers were kept fired to prevent freezing and the steam pumps turned over occasionally as a test, not, however, pumping any water into the distribution system.

Maintenance work on the buildings and grounds was accomplished, and the boiler and pumping equipment were inspected and approved by the State Department of Safety.

General Recommendations

The Department expects that 1942, in general, will be a much less active year than 1941. Priorities will curtail the activities of the builders with a consequent reduction in the work of the Department.

It is expected that constant patrolling will be maintained at the Grove Street Pumping Station and Filter Plant. The bulk of the cost will have to be assumed by the Department.

The Department has endeavored in the past few months to assemble a stock of materials which will enable the Department to make emergency repairs to the supply system and distribution system quickly and efficiently. It is of course, impossible, in a larger sense, to assemble a stock of emergency materials for the larger units of the system such as, the Filter Plant, Pumping Stations and Standpipes.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Gentlemen:

The following is the yearly report of the Highway Department:
Appropriations voted in March Town Meeting:

1.	Highway Maintenance and Construction	$ 45,375.00
2.	Removal of Snow and Ice	12,200.00
3.	Maintenance of Storm Drains	3,500.00
4.	Sidewalk Construction	10,000.00
5	Development of Storm Water Drainage	8,000.00
6.	Care of Dumps	1,200.00
7	Construction of Bond Street	1,300.00
8	Construction of Coolidge Road	1,281.00
9.	Construction of County Road	510.00
10.	Construction of Pilgrim Road	881.00
11.	Construction of Springvale Rd.	2,563.00
12.	Construction of Wescroft Road	3,872.00
13.	Construction of West Hill Circle	891.00
14.	Appropriation for Special Labor	7,000.00
15.	Purchase of Equipment	11,000.00
16.	Chapter 90 Construction—Charles Street	4,500.00
17.	Chapter 90 Construction—Lowell Street	4,500.00
	Appropriations voted at Special Town Meeting Dec. 1, 1941	
18.	Development Committee	1,000.00
19.	Received from State and County for Chapter 90 Maint.	2,000.00
20.	Received from State and County for Chapter 90 Construction—Charles Street	11,250.00
21.	Received from State and County for Chapter 90 Construction—Lowell Street	11,250.00
22.	Credited to Highway Dept. for Gas & Misc. Refunds	319. 8
23.	Credited to Highway Dept. Misc. Transfers	546.27
24.	Transfer to Sidewalk Account from Reserve Fund	750.00
25.	Const. of Salem and Harnden Streets—1940 Bal. Fwd.	2,175.65
	Grand Total	$147,819.50

Expenditures and Balances of the above Appropriations:

Item		
1	Highway Dept.—Appro. for Maint. and Const.	$ 45,375.00
19.	Received from State and County for Chap. 90 Maint.	2,000.00
22.	Gasoline and Misc. Refunds	319.58
23.	Miscellaneous Transfers	546.27
	Total	$ 48,240.85

Expended:		
Pay Roll	$ 19,061.24	
General Repairs	3,200.91	
Road Material	10,984.98	
Chap. 90 Maint.	3,000.00	
Curbing	1,468.94	
Supplies and Tools	8,473.89	
Miscellaneous	2,050.89	
Total Expended		$ 48,240.85
Balance Unexpended		.00
2. Removal of Snow and Ice		$ 12,200.00
Expended:		
Pay Roll	$ 7,560.62	
Plowing and Hauling Snow	1,336.14	
Repairs and Supplies	3,303.24	
Total Expended		$ 12,200.00
Balance Unexpended		$ .00
3. Maintenance of Storm Drains		$ 3,500.00
Expended:		
Pay Roll	$ 2,691.92	
Supplies	808.08	
Total Expended		$ 3,500.00
Balance Unexpended		$ .00
4. Sidewalk Maintenance and Construction		$ 10,000.00
24. Transfers from Reserve		750.00
		$ 10,750.00
Expended:		
Pay Roll	$ 7,559.65	
Supplies and Misc.	3,189.97	
Total Expended		$ 10,749.62
Balance Unexpended		$ .38
5. Development of Storm Water Drainage		$ 8,000.00
Expended:		
Pay Roll	$ 4,854.72	

Pipe and Supplies	3,145.28	
Total Expended		$ 8,000.00
Balance Unexpended		$ .00
6. Care of Dumps		$ 1,200.00
Expended:		
Pay Roll	$ 1,193.08	
Miscellaneous	6.92	
Total Expended		$ 1,200.00
Balance Unexpended		$ .00
7. Construction of Bond Street		$ 1,300.00
Expended:		
Pay Roll	$ 593.13	
Supplies	338.09	
Transfer	9.18	
Total Expended		$ 940.40
Balance Unexpended		$ 359.60
8. Construction of Coolidge Road		$ 1,281.00
Expended:		
Pay Roll	$ 634.93	
Supplies	643.35	
Transfer	2.72	
Total Expended		$ 1,281.00
Balance Unexpended		$ .00
9. Construction of County Road		$ 510.00
Expended:		
Pay Roll	$ 326.01	
Supplies	151.71	
Transfer	32.28	
Total Expended		$ 510.00
Balance Unexpended		$ .00

10. Construction of Pilgrim Road			$ 881.00
Expended:			
Pay Roll	$ 648.57		
Supplies	214.34		
Transfer	18.09		
Total Expended			$ 881.00
Balance Unexpended			$ .00
11. Construction of Springvale Road			$ 2,568.00
Expended:			
Pay Roll	$ 994.36		
Supplies	1,110.94		
Transfer	6.08		
Total Expended			$ 2,111.38
Balance Unexpended			$ 456.62
12. Construction of Wescroft Road			$ 3,822.00
Expended:			
Pay Roll	$ 892.23		
Supplies	716.48		
Transfer	10.55		
Total Expended			$ 1,619.26
Balance Unexpended			$ 2,202.74
13. Construction of West Hill Circle			$ 891.00
Expended:			
Pay Roll	$ 1.07		
Supplies	45.50		
Transfer	10.37		
Total Expended			$ 56.94
Balance Unexpended			$ 834.06

14. Appropriation for Special Labor			$ 7,000.00
Expended:			
Pay Roll	$ 6,700.14		
Total Expended			$ 6,700.14
Balance Unexpended			$ 299.86
15. Purchase of Equipment			$ 11,000.00
Expended:			
Equipment	$ 11,000.00		
Total Expended			$ 11,000.00
Balance Unexpended			$ .00
16. Chapter 90 Const. Charles St.			$ 4,500.00
20. Received from State and County			11,250.00
			$ 15,750.00
Expended:			
Pay Roll	$ 7,332.43		
Supplies	8,417.57		
Total Expended			$ 15,750.00
Balance Unexpended			$ .00
17. Chapter 90 Construction Lowell St.			$ 4,500.00
21. Received from State and County			11,250.00
			$ 15,750.00
Expended:			
Pay Roll	$ 7,484.13		
Supplies	8,265.87		
Total Expended			$ 15,750.00
Balance Unexpended			$ .00
18 Development Committee			$ 1,000.00
No Expenditures 1941			
25. Construction of Salem and Harnden Sts.			
1940 Balance Forward			$ 2,175.65

Transferred to Defense Appro. S. T. M. 12/29/41

TOTALS

Items	Appro. and Transfers	Expended	Balance
1-19-22-23	$ 48,240.85	$ 48,240.85	$ .00
2	12,200.00	12,200.00	.00
3	3,500.00	3,500.00	$ .00
4-24	10,750.00	10,749.62	.38
5	8,000.00	8,000.00	.00
6	1,200.00	1,200.00	.00
7	1,300.00	940.40	359.60
8	1,281.00	1,281.00	.00
9	510.00	510.00	.00
10	881.00	881.00	.00
11	2,568.00	2,111.38	456.62
12	3,822.00	1,619.26	2,202.74
13	891.00	56.94	834.06
14	7,000.00	6,700.14	299.86
15	11,000.00	11,000.00	.00
16-20	15,750.00	15,750.00	.00
17-21	15,750.00	15,750.00	.00
18	1,000.00	.00	1,000.00
25	2,175.65	Transferred	.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Construction of new highways during 1941 included two Chapter 90 roadways, seven Chapter 83 Betterment construction streets, and four street relocations or alterations, also the W. P. A. Charles Street Farm and Market road project which started December 26, 1940.

Granolithic sidewalks were constructed in many locations, and were for the most part installed on application of the abutting property owners as betterments. Two continuous runs of sidewalks were constructed upon order of the Board of Public Works, on main-traveled streets, and three separate lots were also ordered constructed to complete sidewalk runs on streets otherwise voluntarily applied for. In all instances of granolithic sidewalk betterment construction, owners of abutting lots were required to pay one-half of the cost of construction. In many locations where granolithic sidewalks were constructed, granite curbings were also installed.

Chapter 90 maintenance funds were used for permanent repair operations on various main-traveled streets. K. P. and gravel patching was necessary on many streets, due partially to increased roadway excavations for water, sewer, gas, storm drain installations, etc.

The major accomplishments of the Highway Department for 1941 of work of a permanently constructive nature, separated into the different phases of work done, is outlined in the following report.

Snow and Ice

Six snow storms occurred in Reading in 1941 each totaling two or more inches of accumulation, four of which required plowing; several other slight precipitations, none of which measured over one inch in depth, also occurred. The following table illustrates the recorded snow-fall during 1941:

Recorded Snow Storms—1941

Date	Snowfall Inches	Temperature	Wind Direction	Force	Remarks
Jan. 4-5	4"	+26°	N.W.	Moderate	Wet but light —plowed
Jan. 16	2"	+30°	N.W.	Light	Turned to Rain —not plowed
Jan. 24	16"	+24° to +10°	N.E.	Moderate	Light and fine wind increased —plowed
Feb. 2	2"	+24°	W.N.W.	Light to Moderate	Not plowed— Sanded Only
Mar. 8	12"	+30°	N.E.	Light to Moderate	Light and fine —Plowed
Mar. 11-12	6"	+28° to —2°	N.E.	Moderate to Half-Gale	Heavy & fine Temp. drop.
Total	42"				—Plowed.

Plow units were used for the first snow-storm of the year on January 4-5. Snow started falling at 10:30 P. M. Thursday evening, Jan. 2, precipitation light, wind N. W., moderate, temp. +26°, Barometer 29.6 inches and steady.

Precipitation continued light during Friday and Friday night, with occasional flurries and clearing. Early Saturday morning precipitation increased, and by mid-morning approximately four inches had fallen.

Truck plow units were sent out at 11:00 A. M. Saturday, Jan. 4, snowfall increasing rapidly. The temperature had climbed to +35°, snow was very wet, but surprisingly light, clinging closely to all objects it touched, but plowing readily.

Continued above freezing temperature caused slush to form on the streets, and the truck plows, after covering their routes once, were again sent out, to plow off slush and widen out streets, as the weather bureau forecasts warned of an expected drop in temperature.

Sidewalk horse-drawn plows were called out at 4 P. M., and, as it was believed the sidewalk tractors would cut up the dirt sidewalks which were free of frost, the tractor routes were divided among adjacent horse-plow routes.

Snow removal work started at 3:30 P. M., Jan. 4, with a small crew of extra laborers and four town-owned trucks. Snow removal work continued through the night and until 5:30 A. M. Sunday, Jan. 5, with an average of 40 shovelers, four town trucks and three hired trucks.

During the night, temperature dropped to +12°, and shoveling became quite difficult. However, by 5:30 A. M., all snow had been removed from the Square, Haven St., the churches, and all regularly serviced locations.

Sanding was necessary all through the storm, particularly after midnight Saturday.

The snow storm of Thursday, January 16, after leaving an accumulation of 2 inches of snow, turned to rain, and the resulting slush, with falling temperatures, made sanding necessary. No plow units were used during this storm.

The next storm, which deposited the greatest accumulation of any one storm during the year, occurred on January 24.

Snow started falling Friday afternoon, January 24, 1941 at 3:30 P. M. Barometer 30.28 inches and steady, Temperature +24°, wind Northeast and moderate, snow very fine and light.

No accumulation of any account was recorded until 6 P. M., when the wind increased in velocity and snow-fall became heavier.

Truck plows were sent over their routes early in the evening, with snow accumulating rapidly and wind reaching half-gale force, with snowdrifts forming in many places. Truck plow units continued operaating throughout the night, and all day Saturday, stopping Saturday evening. Snow continued to fall until 6:30 A. M. Saturday, with high North-east wind and falling temperature, which dropped to +10°. Roads were kept open at all times, and traffic was not impeded appreciably by the storm, although a number of cars, parked by their owners on the highways during the night were thoroughly snowed in, and banked with snow by truck plows. These parked cars are a continual annoyance to plow-drivers, and the practice of all-night street parking should be stopped.

Snow removal started in the Square at 8:30 A. M., with hired and departmental trucks. This work continued in the regular locations throughout the night, and continued for several days after the storm.

The Square, Haven and High Streets, and all churches were cleared before church services began on Sunday morning.

Several private ways, ordinarily opened by horse-drawn sidewalk plow units, were hand-shoveled during Saturday and Sunday, and were all passable to vehicular traffic Sunday night.

Sidewalk tractors operated on their regular routes and on all main arteries starting Friday evening and continuing through Sunday evening, although both tractor units each suffered mechanical breakdowns. These breakdowns were, for the most part, of a minor nature, although the Cletrac unit was out of action for several hours due to the necessity of sending to Boston for a new part. Drivers of both tractors, which have neither cab nor windshield, were relieved at three hour intervals during Friday night, as the weather was very severe for unprotected drivers.

The tractors performed in their usual satisfactory manner, and after twice covering their regular routes, were sent over horse-plow routes. During Sunday's sidewalk plowing, shovelers trailed sidewalk plow units to open driveways and walks.

Horse-drawn sidewalk plow units were started at 4 A. M. Saturday, and, as approximately 16 inches of snow had fallen, with deep drifts in exposed places, two shovelers were assigned to each horse-plow. Heavy horses were able to complete their routes Saturday, but on five routes the lighter horses were unable to finish. Sidewalk plowing stopped at 6 P. M. Saturday, as the horses were on the verge of exhaustion.

Sunday morning, five horse-plow units started to work at 7:00 A. M., and aided by crews of shovelers and tractor units, completed plowing sidewalks and private ways at 6:00 P. M. Sunday. Ridges across private driveways and walks were shoveled clear of snow on Sunday after the sidewalk plows had passed.

A shortage of laborers for snow work was evident throughout the storm, and handicapped snow removal work especially on Sunday, when very few snow shovelers sought work. Truck plow units operated efficiently and effectively throughout the storm, and with but a few minor breakdowns, although one of the heavy units was laid up twice for a short time for ignition repairs.

Sanding was necessary throughout the storm with low temperatures causing slippery conditions.

On Sunday, Feb. 2, the next storm occurred. Snow started falling at 9:30 A. M., and was light and fluffy, stopping early in the evening with a total fall of approximately 2 inches. Plow units were not used during this storm, although sanding was necessary during the afternoon and evening.

No further snow storms occurred in February, and on February 7, a rainfall of 1.55 inches, coupled with rising temperatures, greatly reduced the accumulated snows of previous storms.

The final snow storms of the year occurred on March 8 and 9, 11 and 12. While these were two separated storms, with clearing weather after the first storm, snow from the first storm was still being cleared when the second storm began.

Snow started falling at 7:00 A. M. Saturday, March 8—Temperature +30°, Wind N. E. light to moderate, Barometric pressure 29.92 inches and falling slowly, snow light and fine.

Only a light accumlation was noted until 10:00 A. M., when the fall increased in intensity with the advent of larger, heavier flakes. By 12:00 noon, approximately 4 inches of snow had fallen, and was still accumulating rapidly. Truck plows were started over their respective routes at 12:45 P. M., and continued plowing until 1:00 A. M. Sunday, March 9.

The snow-fall continued heavy until 9:00 P. M., with increasing North-east winds, when it suddenly abated in intensity and showed signs of clearing. However, this was of short duration, and snow continued to fall through the night Saturday, all day Sunday and into Sunday night, although with slight added accumulation. Approximately 12 inches of snow-fall was recorded during this storm, with deep drifts in exposed locations caused by high, gusty winds.

Snow removal started in the Square at 5:00 P. M. March 8, to accomodate the Saturday night shopping trade, and continued until 1:00 A. M., March 9, when snow had been removed from part of the Square and most locations adjacent to churches. Nine privately owned trucks were employed on removing snow, together with Highway Department and W. P. A. trucks. This work of removal started again at 8:00 A. M. Sunday, March 9, and continued until midnight of the same day, when snow had been removed from all regularly serviced locations.

The Adams road grader was used to good advantage during this storm. Because of the traffic congestion in the Square Saturday afternoon and evening, no attempt was made to plow the Square, and traffic hard-packed the fallen snow. After the stores closed and traffic had left the Square, the grader cut out the hard-packed snow and with the assistance of truck plows, deposited the snow in windrows in the gutters for removal. The grader was also used on Post Office Square, South Main Street and Haven Street.

All roads were kept plowed and accessible for traffic during the storm, and no major breakdowns of truck plowing equipment were experienced.

One sidewalk tractor only was available for use on March 8, and it started plowing at 3:00 P. M. Horse-drawn sidewalk plows were started at 3:30 P. M., and covered their own and the disabled tractor's routes. The horse-plows had completed their routes and were in at 9:00 P. M., with instructions to again cover their routes starting at 6:00 A. M., Sunday, March 9, in order that sidewalks would be passable for church goers.

During the night of March 8, the one sidewalk tractor in operation suffered a major mechanical breakdown, and was not again used during this storm. The other tractor sidewalk unit was repaired during the storm, and operated part of Sunday.

Snow removal work continued on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, March 10-11-12, with icy conditions requiring sanding daily.

Snow started falling again at 6:00 P. M. Tuesday, March 11, Temperature +28°, Wind N. E. moderate to half-gale, Barometric pressure 30.2 inches and falling rapidly, snow heavy but fine, and being drifted badly by wind.

By 8:00 P. M., snow had accumulated to a depth of 3 inches, and truck and tractor plow units were started on their routes. The wind increased in velocity during the night, and heavy snow-fall was drifted quite badly in spots. The truck plows continued through the night and until late Wednesday morning, keeping the roads cleanly plowed at all times during the storm. Snow stopped falling early Wednesday morning, although occasional flurries continued during the day Wednesday. Approximately 6 inches of snow-fall was recorded.

Snow removal work started in the Square at 7:00 A. M., and continued until 10:00 P. M., at which time the temperature had dropped to +10° and made shoveling extremely difficult. During the afternoon the Adams grader was again used to remove the packed snow from the Square, Main Street and adjacent locations. No hired trucks were used to haul snow during this storm, as Departmental and W. P. A. trucks were available.

Tractor sidewalk plows operated throughout the night Tuesday and until 2:00 P. M. Wednesday, covering their routes twice, as during the night the sidewalks had become drifted. Horse-drawn sidewalk plows started out at 5:00 A. M. Wednesday, and covered their routes in normal plowing time. The snow, while heavy, plowed readily.

The temperature, which was —2° Thursday morning, rose during the day and thawing set in. By Friday noontime, the hard-packed snow on roadways had softened to such an extent as to create hazardous driving conditions. Several plow units were sent out Friday afternoon and Saturday to remove the slush and widen out roadways, with shovelers to open private driveways filled by the plows.

It was also necessary to send a tractor sidewalk plow unit over all of North and South Main Streets, as the State Highway Department had pushed back the snow on the state road (Route 28) to such extremes as to completely block and fill Main Street sidewalks. Shovelers also accompanied this unit to open private walk and driveway-entrances.

Freezing weather necessitated nightly sanding of icy streets and sidewalks during and after these storms, which totaled together 18 inches.

During the period between March 17-20, unseasonably cold weather caused zero and near zero temperatures to prevail, with slight thawing during the day due to lack of sunshine. Rising temperatures after the 20th caused the roadways to become bare, although snow-banks remained on roadsides, which in many instances thawed during the day and froze during the night, necessitating sanding. Culverts and catch basins were opened to carry off this melting snow water.

No major breakdowns of plowing equipment occurred during any of the year's six storms, and each unit was carefully inspected after each storm and necessary repairs made. The plowing strength of the Department now includes the following plow-mounted equipment: Three 5-Ton Sterling trucks, one 5-Ton Walters truck, one crane-mounted 5-ton truck, three 1 1-2 ton dump body trucks, one 2 1-2 ton truck, one compressor-mounted 1 1-2 ton truck, three 1 1-2 ton hired trucks, two sidewalk tractors, and, during the plowing periods covered by this report, nine horse-drawn sidewalk plows. As of January 1, only six horse-drawn sidewalk plows were available, three owners of horses formerly engaged in sidewalk plowing having been unable, for various reasons, to rent their horses for snow plowing.

Routine snow and ice combating preparations, such as the erection of snow fences in strategic locations, placing and filling of sand barrels, etc., was accomplished in season; and, during periods when the employees were not busy on outside activities, snow-plowing equipment was thoroughly overhauled and repaired. The new wooden horse-drawn plows manufactured by department employees at the garage work shop functioned efficiently and satisfactorily, with no breakage.

GENERAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Unseasonably cold weather, resulting in zero and near zero temperatures late in March, delayed the starting of Spring roadway maintenance work. On March 21, test pits dug for water pipe installations revealed two feet average of frost in ground. Milder weather and Spring thaws resulted in the usual breaking up of roadway surfaces in certain springy sections and numerous frost boils. Gravel and K. P. patching was carried on extensively during this period and, because

of the unusual number of street openings necessary for the installation of water, sewer, gas and other underground utility purposes, K. P. patching was continued extensively throughout the year when weather and climatic conditions so permitted.

Spring sweeping, cleaning and removal of accumulated debris from streets, sidewalks, and gutters started on April 4 with a crew of extra hired employees and Departmental trucks. The Roto Street Sweeper, mounted on the crane truck, also was used in this work. Semi-permanent roadway patching was accomplished early in May, and on May 26 asphaltic spot-fog roadway seal applications were started and continued throughout the early summer months for regular yearly roadway surface treatment. This was followed by regular sprayed applications of road oil to street surfaces. During the year, a total of 119,512 gallons of road oil was applied to street surfaces during roadway maintenance operations. For roadway patching, a total of 5,468 gallons of cold patch liquid was used by the department in mixing cold patch aggregate at the garage, and 64.75 tons of prepared commercial ready-mixed patching material were purchased.

The Adams Road Hone was used to shape up, crown and slope sections or entire lengths of eleven streets, and on twelve other streets it was necessary to scarify, grade and roll rough and uneven street surfaces.

On many outlying streets, brush and small trees had encroached on space normally occupied by sidewalks, reducing visibility and acting as a contributing cause of automobile accidents. Cutting and removal of brush in these sections was carried on extensively during the year, and on many different streets.

During the "Rid Reading of Ragweed Campaign", sponsored by the Reading Woman's Club, conducted in an effort to exterminate this noxious plant within the environs of Reading, Department trucks, drivers and helpers collected, and disposed of by burning at the John Street Dump, some 3,000 bushels of ragweed.

The planking of Mineral Street Rail Road bridge, which was in very poor repair, was re-fastened, and new pieces of composition asphaltic felt planking installed, where required. The guard railings were also repaired and painted.

New guard rail posts were set on several streets, and a number of guard posts in various sections painted.

Chapter 90 Construction

After a two-year lapse (1939-1940) Chapter 90 State, County and Town roadway construction funds were again allocated to Reading. By means of these funds, sections of Lowell Street and Charles Street

were constructed with a permanent type of pavement.

On Lowell Street, from the end of the 1938 Chapter 90 construction at High Street to a point near Grand Street, a penolithic penetration surfaced roadway was constructed. This section of roadway required the installation of some 1800 lineal feet of storm-water drainage, and in the course of installation it was necessary to excavate nearly 400 cubic yards of trench ledge. Roadway ledge excavation totaled 447 cubic yards of ledge removed, and these two factors, trench ledge and roadway ledge, were instrumental in causing roadway surface construction to fall short of the amount originally estimated, through lack of sufficient funds. Departmental employees and equipment were used exclusively in this construction, and was augmented by the use of the new gasoline-motored Bay City power shovel purchased for excavation of the Quannapowitt Drainage System, and which was not in use on the drain project at the time. With two shovels available, one was used in the gravel pit for filling trucks for gravel borrow operations, while the other was used in roadway excavation. Granite curbing installation was included in this construction, and some 290 lineal feet was set. Guard rail posts and cables also were installed in required locations, as were directional traffic signs. Underground traffic signal conduits were installed at the intersection of Lowell and High Streets prior to street surfacing.

Charles Street, from Main Street to slightly Northeast of Pearl Street, was also constructed with a penolithic penetration surface. On this location, a W.P.A. Farm and Market Road Project, a more particular description of which appears elsewhere in this report, had partially prepared the locus for permanent paving, with earth and gravel borrow, drainage, and culverts partially completed. Charles Street was relocated by the County Commissioners, and the grade was changed by the Board of Public Works in 1940, in preparation for Chapter 90 construction. The grade in two low sections was raised appreciably, and a cement box culvert constructed at Memorial Park Brook. Additional storm water drainage, including catch basins and manholes, was installed, excavation and gravel borrow accomplished, and the stone surfacing installed. It was necessary to remove a number of trees from the roadside, and near Main Street, on the Northwesterly side of Charles Street, a protruding ledge was removed and a field stone masonry retaining wall 111 feet in length and from 4 feet to 7 feet in height was erected. At the intersection of Charles and Pearl Streets, wide approaches were made possible by the relocation, which necessitated the removal of several large trees. Individual guard posts were set at danger points, and traffic caution signs set at intersections.

Charles Street Farm and Market Project

Work on this project, intended primarily as a W.P.A. project, started December 26, 1940. During the early months of the year, operations were for the most part confined to setting back and rebuilding stone walls on new street lines, excavating earth roadway-bankings with the Department's Erie steam shovel, trench excavation and storm-water drainage installation, etc. Gravel borrow was hauled from the Town pit to raise the grade of low-lying sections, and rough-graded with the bulldozer. Later in the year, early in March, work was started on a concrete box culvert at Memorial Park Brook; also on cement stone masonry head-walls on a metal arch culvert Northeasterly of Pearl Street. The box culvert was completed by W.P.A. and town forces, and the metal arch culvert by town forces only.

Later in the summer, and prior to Charles Street Chapter 90 Construction, two sections of Charles Street was scarified, shaped and graded by department forces, and penetrated with road oil.

Chapter 90 Maintenance

Roadway maintenance was accomplished on several main-traveled streets from Chapter 90 maintenance funds. On Haverhill Street, a section of sunken roadway on a curve was gravel-filled to grade and asphalt sealed. Several guard rail posts, broken by automobiles, were removed and renewed and cable rails restrung. Guard rail posts on Haverhill Street were also freshly painted. On Salem Street, stone patches were installed in raveled sections of pavement, brush was cut from roadside, and guard rail posts painted.

Part of a stone retaining wall in a ditch on Lowell Street at Intervale Terrace was rebuilt, guard rail posts repainted, and stone patches installed. A new catch basin was installed on West Street at County Road, stone patches installed, and traffic warning signs procured and set at locations near hazardous curves. On Woburn Street, two pieces of granite curb were removed and a metal curb inlet set. Stone patches were installed, and joints sealed with asphalt. On Main Street, joints between concrete slabs were filled with an asphalt joint filler.

Chapter 83 Construction

The following table defines streets accepted as public town ways under the provisions of Chapter 83, Section 26, General Laws, which statute authorizes the assessment of betterments for road construction, at the Annual Town Meeting:

STREETS ACCEPTED AS PUBLIC WAYS
Annual Town Meeting—March 14, 1941

Name of Street	Location—Boundaries	Length Feet	Status
Coolidge Road (portion)	Wescroft Road northerly to Springvale Road	280.00	Bett.
Springvale Road	Coolidge Road southwesterly to Overlook Road	1120.00	Bett.
County Road	Howard Street southerly to Lewis Street Extension	263.47	Bett.
Pilgrim Road	Lowell Street southwesterly to Bradford Road	467.50	Bett.
Bond Street	Northerly end accepted to High Street at Lowell Street	489.39	Bett.
West Hill Circle	West Street southerly, east and northerly to West Street	579.11	Bett.
Wescroft Road	West Street southwesterly to County Road	1639.93	Bett.
	Total	4839.40	

Of these accepted streets, Coolidge Road and Pilgrim Road only have been completed; Springvale Road, Wescroft Road, County Road and Bond Street are in various partially completed stages of construction, and West Hill Circle has not as yet received any particular attention. These uncompleted streets will be constructed in 1942.

The unfinished streets, with the exception of West Hill Circle, have been excavated, gravel filled, and surface treated in part, to make the streets accessible for owners of new homes located thereon. On several of these streets, prior to roadway construction, it was necessary to install varying amounts of storm water drainage.

All work on these streets was accomplished with Departmental employees and equipment. On the completed streets, and the completed portions of unfinished streets, sidewalks were built of gravel and stone dust and tree lawns loamed and seeded. Also on each street, at its intersection with other streets, granite radius curbing was installed, including a traffic island or intersection park at the intersection of Wescroft and Coolidge Roads.

Alterations and Relocations

Four relocations or alterations were voted at the annual March Town Meeting and one relocation voted at a Special Town Meeting, as follows:

STREETS RELOCATED OR ALTERED

Annual Town Meeting—March 14, 1941

High and Green Streets	—Alteration or relocation of corner	Southeasterly
Prescott and Washington Streets	—Alteration or relocation of corner	Southeasterly
John and Union Streets	—Alteration or relocation of corner	Southeasterly
Bancroft Avenue and Highland Street	—Alteration of Intersection	

Special Town Meeting—September 15, 1941

Manning Street	—Relocation of Easterly street line, Pleasant Street to Salem Street

On all but one of these alterations or relocations, owners of abutting properties gave portions of their lands gratis, on one a small consideration was paid. All of these relocations have been made and construction completed.

The alteration corner High and Green Streets was brought about by the demolition of an existing old building and the construction of a new gasoline filling station, and added much to the appearance of the neighborhood.

A particularly sharp, narrow and dangerous turn was abolished by the Prescott-Washington Street alteration. In this instance, a square corner was generously rounded, an existing hedge and tree moved back of the new street line and reset, a granolithic sidewalk installed on the Prescott Street frontage, and a granite curb set at the sidewalk edge. This intersection has long been a danger point for vehicular traffic, with hedges and buildings obscuring vision at a narrow "bottle-neck" on Washington Street at an acute angle in Washington Street.

At the intersection of Bancroft Avenue and Highland Street, opposite Auburn Street, a particularly dangerous condition existed, which has long been the cause of many minor traffic accidents. In this location, a sharp corner and a high hedge both obscured the approaches to each of the three streets affected and also was a difficult corner to negotiate in an automobile. This corner was rounded, cut back approximately twenty feet, and the high hedge removed. Granite radius curbing was set on the relocation lines and a new gravel sidewalk constructed.

The corner of John and Union Streets, also a difficult corner for traffic to negotiate, was rounded on a curve of generous radius, and curbing set.

The relocation of the Easterly side-line of Manning Street was occasioned by the construction of a granolithic sidewalk abutting four adjoining parcels of land on the easterly side of Manning Street. As this street was laid out but 33 feet in width, and several large shade trees were present in the location of the sidewalk, the property owners affected deeded the Town a strip of land one foot in width the entire length of the street, so as to enable the construction of a sidewalk of normal width.

The relocation of the Southwesterly side line of West Street from Northwesterly of Longwood Road to near West Hill Circle, a holdover project from 1941, has been furthered somewhat, but has not yet been completed. This location is solid ledge, and will require further drilling and blasting to completely remove.

Granolithic Sidewalks

Granolithic sidewalk construction in 1941 resulted in the installation of 3,606.84 square yards of granolithic sidewalks on a total frontage of 5,393.12 lineal feet, abutting 68 separate properties. These totals include 1,596.23 square yards of sidewalks on a frontage of 2,647.02 feet abutting 37 separate properties installed on application of individual property owners under the terms of the Betterment Act, whereby the property owner pays one-half the cost of the sidewalk; 1,994.91 square yards of sidewalks on a frontage of 2,731.70 feet abutting 31 separate properties installed by order of the Board of Public Works as a necessary public improvement and on which the owners also were assessed one-half the cost of construction; and 15.70 square yards of granolithic sidewalk on a frontage of 14.30 feet abutting municipal properties and as repairs. These sidewalks varied in width from 4.5 feet to 6.0 feet. On several streets, namely Belmont Street, Gardner Road, Grand Street and Manning Street abutting property owners applied en masse for sidewalks, resulting in long unbroken stretches of granolithic sidewalks. On one location it was necessary to erect a low retaining wall 111 feet in length before the sidewalk could be constructed.

It was necessary in several instances to repair existing granolithic sidewalk surfaces ruptured by tree roots, removal of trees and poles, etc. Where necessary, failed sections of sidewalks were removed and new sections poured.

There are on file a number of applications for granolithic sidewalk construction received from property owners in 1941 but not installed due to lack of sufficient funds. These will receive priority in 1942 sidewalk construction.

The following table illustrates granolithic sidewalk construction in 1941:

Granolithic Sidewalk Construction By Streets

Street	Number Lots	Feet Frontage	Square Yards
Auburn Street	1	97.00	54.28
Bancroft Avenue	1	65.10	42.57
Belmont Street	5	385.40	214.12
Federal Street	3	189.20	113.42
Gardner Road	11	677.62	453.28
Grand Street	6	479.60	275.56
Lowell Street	11	924.10	756.28
Manning Street	4	284.20	162.31
Mt. Vernon Street	1	66.70	39.28
Parkview Road	1	75.70	64.39
Pearl Street	1	160.70	85.82
Pinevale Avenue	1	51.00	30.98
Pleasant Street	1	111.00	63.35
Prescott Street	19	1,618.60	1,152.14
Priscilla Road	1	110.00	60.44
Weston Road	1	97.20	38.62
Totals	68	5,393.12	3,606.84

Stone Dust Sidewalks

Maintenance of gravel or earth sidewalks by means of surface treatments with stone dust started early in April and continued through November, with a total of 188.65 tons of stonedust applied to 4,599.70 square yards of gravel or earth sidewalks abutting 63 separate properties on a total frontage of 6,034.00 lineal feet. The majority of these applications were made on request of property owners to at least temporarily improve sidewalks abutting their properties. As limited funds will allow only a comparatively small amount of stonedust applications to be made each year, requests are listed as received and given attention in numerical sequence. Stonedust was also applied to sidewalks on all street betterments and relocations, but is not included in the above totals.

Gravel Sidewalks

Gravel sidewalks were constructed abutting 28 separated properties on a total frontage of 2,089.0 lineal feet, covering 1,186.0 square yards of sidewalks. These installations were installed abutting newly constructed houses for the most part, where formerly no sidewalks existed. Tree lawns on most locations where gravel sidewalks were constructed were loamed, fertilized and seeded.

Granite Curbing

New granite curbing installations in 1941 totaled 2064.23 lineal feet, of which 1207.54 feet was straight curb and 856.69 feet radius or circle curb. Curbings were installed on applications of abutting property owners under the Betterment Act at 22 different locations, and 37 driveway returns set.

Not included in the above totals, used and reclaimed straight and radius granite curbing was set in several locations, made necessary by changes in street lines, granolithic sidewalk construction, and storm water drainage construction.

The following table illustrates new granite curbing installations, by streets, in 1941:

Granite Curbing Installation By Streets

	Number Lots	Feet Straight	Curbing Radius	Installed Returns	Total Length
Bancroft Avenue .	1	50.70		2	50.70
Federal Street	3	145.50		6	145.50
Grand Street	5	305.30		10	305.30
Green Street	6	179.30		12	179.30
John Street	1	32.90		1	32.90
Mt. Vernon Street	1	48.90		1	48.90
Parkview Road ...	1	61.30	19.80		81.10
Priscilla Road	1	94.00		2	94.00
Summer Avenue ..	1	65.80	25.00		90.80
Temple Street	1	113.00		1	113.00
Weston Road	1	68.60	19.80	2	88.40
Wescroft Road ...		42.24	87.00		129.24
Pilgrim Road			88.00		88.00
County Road			41.45		41.45
Springvale Road ..			88.00		88.00
Prescott Street			46.00		46.00
Highland Street ...			66.10		66.10
Coolidge Road			194.84		194.84
Bond Street			114.70		114.70
Puritan Road			66.00		66.00
Totals	22	1,207.54	856.69	37	2,064.23

In Wescroft Park, radius and straight curbing was set to outline a traffic island at the wide intersection of Coolidge Road with Wescroft Road. This is the first installation of its type in Reading, and presents quite an attractive appearance. The area within the curbing was loamed and seeded.

Granite radius curbing was set on all street betterment construction in 1941, at their intersection with other streets. New radius curbing was also set on several betterment curbing locations, at no charge to the abuttor. Radius curbing was also set to define new street lines on the four corner relocations made in 1941.

Bound Stones

Bound points were set as required by law to define street lines on accepted streets, relocations and alterations, and to replace bounds disturbed by construction of various types. The following table describes the bounds set or reset in 1941:

Bound Stones Set

Street and Location	No. Set	Reason Set
Prescott and Washington Sts.	2	Relocation of south-west corner
Grand St.	1	Replacing old angle bound
Weston and Parkview Rds.	2	Grano. S/W construction
Wescroft Rd.	6	1941 Acceptance—Bett.
Coolidge and Springvale Rds.	4	1941 Acceptance—Bett.
Pilgrim Rd.	8	1941 Acceptance—Bett.
Prescott St. Cor. Pratt St.	1	Grano. S/W construction
Bond St.	10	1941 Acceptance—Bett.
High St.	1	Reset after 1941 Const.
Coolidge Rd.	1	1941 Acceptance—Bett.
County Rd.	5	1941 Acceptance—Bett.
Lowell St.	9	1941 Chapter 90 Const.
Charles St.	2	1941 Chapter 90 Const.
Total	52	Bounds

Street betterment acceptances and corner relocations accounted for the majority of bounds set; bounds were also set on Lowell and Charles Streets as relocated by the County Commissioners.

These bounds were all carefully checked for accuracy of location by the engineering department, when set.

Storm Water Drainage

The storm water drainage system was extended 4,890.60 feet in 1941, in various suitable sizes, to correct existing improper surface drainage conditions, 51 catch basins and 33 manholes were constructed, and granite curb inlets or throatstones set.

The following table illustrates the streets, size and length of drain pipes laid, also catch basins and manholes:

SIZE AND LENGTH OF PIPE INSTALLED

Street	24"	18"	12"	C.B.s	M.H.s	Totals
Charles St.			580.70	14	5	580.70
Federal St.		269.0	222.00	4	3	491.00
Lowell St.		123.4	1,647.30	13	11	1,770.70
Summer Ave.		410.0	374.10	4	3	784.10
Springvale Rd.	126.4		20.50	2	2	146.90
Walnut St.		33.0	987.70	12	7	1,020.70
Wescroft Rd.	83.5		13.00	2	2	96.50
	209.9	835.4	3,845.30	51	33	4,890.60

Of the above listed storm water drains, Charles and Lowell Streets installations were done because of Chapter 90 roadway construction, Federal Street drain a continuation and completion of a drain installed in 1940, Summer Avenue drain a replacement of an existing 12" drain with an 18" drain to accommodate the run-off from a hilly sector, Springvale and Wescroft Roads drains were done during street betterment construction, and Walnut Street drain, from Curtis Street westerly, was installed to eliminate constant flooding of roadway with resultant erosion of abutting properties.

The metal arch culverts and storm drain pipes on Charles Street will abolish an annoying and hazardous condition which has existed there for years. This particular section of Charles Street runs through a low, swamp area, drained by two brooks which led under Charles Street in two small and inadequate culverts. During periods of excessive rainfall, the roadway in this section was often inundated and

impassable, and in cold winter months frost heaves adjoining these culverts were the cause of several automobile accidents.

Maintenance of Storm Drains

Owing to the prolonged drouth, open drain ditches were dry during the late summer and early autumn months, presenting excellent working conditions. Many ditches in various sections of the town were thoroughly cleaned and excavated, deepened and/or widened in many instances as required. Many of the ditches so cleaned will directly connect with the Quannapowitt Drainage System ditches, when completed, and will then have better flow-off facilities.

On the Summer Avenue open ditch, sections of stone rip-rapped banks were cement grouted. Memorial Park Brook, from Charles Street Southerly, was stone rip-rapped by department and W. P. A. forces, completing a section not hitherto done.

The culvert under Salem Street at Memorial Park Brook, which was partially filled in by years of use, received extensive repairs. The floor of the culvert was excavated, deepened, and paved with stones; the walls were repaired and cement pointed where necessary. This was a very difficult project, as the culvert is low and narrow, and all work was accomplished from the interior of the culvert without excavating or disturbing the street surface.

Dumps

John Street Dump has been efficiently and effectively maintained during the year, with a department employee in continual attendance during usual daylight dumping periods seven days per week. Graveled lanes leading from John Street to the dump-edges were kept smoothed and free from glass and other sharp objects which would be injurious to automobile and truck tires of vehicles hauling material to the dump.

The bulldozer was used several times to clear, push back and level off heavy masses of debris along the lips of the dump, and to permit easier dumping for trucks. The Adams power grader was also used on the entire dump area that has been filled in in previous years, to smooth and level off the surface. With constant use, quite a respectable area of former swamp land has been reclaimed, and, for the most part, surfaced with gravel.

During the relocation of the intersection of Bancroft Avenue and Highland Street, a tall lilac hedge was removed. These lilac shrubs were salvaged and re-planted as a screen on the John Street frontage of the dump.

A number of official "No Dumping" signs were erected at illegal dumping areas on private lands on roadsides of several outlying streets. These dumps are unsanitary, unsightly and neighborhood nuisances, attracting rats and flies to their location, litter up the surrounding territory with scrap paper, and generally result in obnoxious conditions. The John Street Dump is open to public use of all Reading citizens, and

the caretaker at the dump is always willing to assist citizens in rubbish disposal. Police assistance has been enlisted in preventing the pernicious habit of roadside dumping of waste material in Reading.

Special Labor Account

An appropriation for the employment of workers, under the supervision of the Board of Public Works but assigned to work by the Board of Public Welfare, was again voted at the annual March Town Meeting. By means of this appropriation, applicants for welfare aid are assigned to specified weekly periods of work to meet weekly individual budget requirements as determined by the Welfare Board. The workers so assigned are then given work fitted to their physical fitness and trades.

Maintenance work at all Parks, Playgrounds, Commons and the War Memorial was accomplished by them, as well as maintenance of the Square and adjacent business sections relative to street, sidewalk and gutter sweeping and cleaning. Much of the gravel and stonedust sidewalk construction and maintenance work was also done by them. A new section of the gravel pit was cleared of brush and trees, and brush cut from roadsides.

In the parks and playgrounds, tennis courts, wading pools, baseball and softball diamonds were repaired, and bleachers dismantled and erected in season.

A marked decrease in the number of special labor employables was evident in 1941 compared to former years, as the war production industries reduced unemployment. It is expected, however, that with the increasing shortage of materials occasioned by war production priorities and the resultant slacking off of private industries, that the unemployed unskilled labor situation in 1942 may be more acute than in 1941, with an increased demand for temporary aid.

General

The Municipal Garage was maintained during the year, and several improvements necessary to efficient operation were made.

In the rear yard of the garage, a wood frame store shed of two stories has been erected, with Departmental labor, and is being used for storage of seasonal equipment.

Volunteer crews of regular and extra employees have been organized for emergency war work, and emergency equipment issued for each truck unit. Arrangements have been made for disposition of the Department's mobile equipment in the event of bombings or shelling, and vital sections of the garage blacked out.

General Recommendations

The effect of the war on this division of the Department is problematical. In the event of serious trouble it will be necessary to divert the funds of the division to emergency work. Preparations now underway for emergency work will entail the expenditure of funds regularly used for routine purposes.

It follows naturally that the division will not be in a position, during the duration of the emergency, to furnish the same services as in the past few years.

It is hoped the citizens will co-operate with the division in the matter of requests for service by asking only for those which are essential.

It is expected that the appropriations in this division covering construction items will be curtailed in 1942. Therefore, many projects such as Chapter 90, drainage and sidewalks which would ordinarily be done according to the Department's planned schedule, will have to be postponed until the return of normal times.

This division is making every effort to prepare for a serious emergency. It will endeavor to be in a position to promptly repair emergency damages. Various materials of an emergency nature have been purchased out of 1941 funds. Others will be purchased out of 1942 funds. Routines have been established for the men of the division. Contacts have been made with established Defense Authorities, and a system developed which it is hoped is broad enough to cope with any emergency situation which may arise.

ROLLING EQUIPMENT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

The following chart will illustrate the rolling equipment of the Highway, Water and Sewer Departments, and the year purchased:

No.	Item	Year Purchased
1.	1—Dodge Pick-Up Truck	1941
2.	1—1½ Ton Chevrolet Truck	1941
3.	1—1½ Ton Dodge Dump Body Truck Model WF31 C & C	1940
4.	1—Adams Road Grader	1940
5.	1—5 Ton Sterling H. C. 105 Truck	1939
6.	1—VT6 4-Cyl. Gas Driven Tandem Roller 1½ Ton	1939
7.	1—6SCP 6 Cubic Foot Cold Patch Mixer	1939
8.	1—Rotary Street Broom	1939
9.	1—1½ Ton Winch and Derrick	1939
10.	1—¾ Yard Steam Shovel	1939
11.	1—5 Ton Sterling H. C. 100 M. Z. Truck	1937
12.	1—Model 82 Barber-Greene Loader	1937
13.	1—Model E. Cletrac Tractor	1937
14.	1—Chevrolet Chassis Air Compressor Truck	1937
15.	1—Model 80 "Handy Sandy" Sand Spreader	1937
16.	1—5 Ton Sterling H. C. 100 Truck	1936
17.	1—1½ Ton Dodge Truck with Custom Built Body	1936
18.	1—1½ Ton Chevrolet Truck	1936
19.	1—Chevrolet Standard Coupe	1936
20.	1—Cletrac Model BG Tractor	1936
21.	1—5 Ton Walters FM Four Wheel Drive Truck	1935
22.	1—2½ Ton Diamond T Truck	1934
23.	1—Caterpillar Tractor	1934
24.	1—15 Ton Gasoline Driven Road Roller	1931
25.	1—Master 7 Cement Mixer	1931
26.	1—5 Ton Autocar Truck	1930
27.	1—Fordson Tractor	1927
28.	1—Trailer	1923
29.	1—K. P. Mixer	1922

PARK DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Public Works:

Gentlemen:

The following is the yearly report of the Park Department:

Appropriation		$ 5,000.00
Expended:		
Memorial Park		
Pay Roll	$ 457.14	
Lights	11.34	
Supplies and Tools	206.19	
		$ 674.67
Leach Park		
Pay Roll	$ 34.23	
Seed, Loam, Fertilizer	16.87	
		$ 51.10
Commons		
Pay Roll	$ 65.11	
Seed, Loam, Fertilizer	25.50	
Flag	23.60	
Misc. Supplies	24.02	
		$ 135.23
Sturges' Rink		
Pay Roll	$ 155.64	
Lights	35.72	
Supplies	18.44	
		$ 209.80
Washington Street Park		
Pay Roll	$ 497.46	
Lights	6.12	
Maint. Tennis Courts	74.25	
Seed, Loam, Fertilizer	127.31	
Misc. Supplies and Repairs	133.82	
		$ 838.96

Birch Meadow Playground			
Pay Roll	$ 1,073.01		
Lights	245.91		
Maint. Tennis Courts	633.32		
Misc. Supplies and Repairs	604.98		
		$ 2,557.22	
Supervised Play		454.97	
Miscellaneous		78.05	
Grand Total Expended			$ 5,000.00
Balance Unexpended			.00

PARK DEPARTMENT

Reading Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreation Centers were used extensively throughout the year by sports enthusiasts. The tennis courts were particularly well patronized, as was the baseball and softball diamonds.

In the semi-organized sports, softball leagues were unusually active, and a tennis tournament was held late in the fall for the tennis leagues, with trophies awarded to the winners.

Playground supervisors were again employed to act as instructors in recognized sports, all qualified by prior training or personal participation in one or more out-door sports, and most of whom were college undergraduates. These supervisors were on duty at regularly scheduled periods daily at each park or playground, teaching the rudiments of the sport with which they were familiar, and keeping order in the playgrounds.

Wading pools were heavily used during the mid-summer months.

Skating conditions during the early months of 1941 were excellent, and skating was possible at all skating areas up to March 21, when thawing weather rotted and softened the ice. Due to the long summer drouth, no appreciable amount of water was collected in the skating areas until December 13 and 14, when a heavy rainfall of 2.58 inches partially flooded the areas; and near-zero weather on December 20 and 21 resulted in the first skating ice of the 1941-1942 season. Hockey

clubs, so numerous as to be organized in leagues, were particularly active during ice skating seasons.

A brief resume of the improvements accomplished at each Park, Playground and Recreation Center follows:

Memorial Park

Maintenance work was accomplished at the Park early in the Spring, in preparation for the Summer season. The usual Spring cleaning-up of accumulated debris, raking and edging walks, trimming shrubs, etc. was assigned to special labor employees, who, for the most part, maintained the grounds for the Summer.

Memorial Park Barn, which for several years had been in use as headquarters for the W. P. A. Recreation Project during the summer months, was in such poor repair as to prohibit its use for this purpose, and a new Recreation Center has been established at the building formerly designated as the Center School on Salem Street. During the early Spring months, vandals repeatedly broke into the Barn, destroyed part of the building, and removed a quantity of material and supplies stored there. All remaining tools and supplies were removed from the Barn after the thefts were discovered, and windows and doors boarded up, to prevent use of the Barn while in its present unsafe condition. The Police Department recovered some of the material illegally taken from the Barn.

A section of chain link fence was erected on the southwesterly corner of the Park property, on request of an abutting property owner, to prevent trespass on private property by persons using the Park.

The tennis courts were maintained and were much used during the year. Playground apparatus was set up in the small children's playyard and a playground supervisor assigned to duty at scheduled periods.

Birch Meadow Playground

Birch Meadow Playground, because of its diversity of sports facilities, was in constant use throughout the year. Tennis, softball, baseball, skating, hockey, and picnicing may all be enjoyed here in season.

The playing field was further enlarged by means of fill hauled from various road construction jobs. This area was also graded and seeded. Tennis courts received much attention during the year. One new court, construction of which was started in 1940, was completed; several other courts were resurfaced. Fences were renewed and repaired, as were court nets. A new device, known as a tennis practice board, which consists of a heavy plank wall 15 feet in height and 42

feet in width, is being constructed at the Playground, and will be completed in time for the 1942 tennis season.

A start has been made in the Playground, west of the Overlook, on a roadway which will eventually connect with Rice Road, and so permit access to the Playground from Forest Street. Excavated material from Chapter 90 roadway construction on Lowell Street was used as fill on this project.

A small section of bleachers for use of spectators was erected westerly of the softball field. Ironwork, such as fittings, hangers and braces for the bleachers were forged at the Municipal Garage blacksmith shop. These bleachers do not have sufficient seating capacity to accommodate the number of spectators attending events at the Playground, and should be added to as soon as funds permit.

The wading pool received its usual attention, and was in constant use during specified hours in the Summer months. The pool was carefully inspected daily while in use, and drained, cleaned and refilled whenever necessary.

A fieldstone storehouse is being erected at the Playground to not only serve as a storehouse for tools, etc., but also to house electric switches and controls, and will be completed early in 1942. This will prevent damage to electrical equipment.

Reading's "Defense Day," in the Fall, was conducted at the Playground, and attracted a throng of spectators estimated at 1500 people. This is, no doubt, the largest number of persons ever before assembled at Birch Meadow. The "Defense Day" demonstration included demonstrations of methods of extinguishing incendiary bombs by the Women's Defense Corps, fire fighting by the Auxiliary Fire Department, and competitive drill by the Reading Home Defense Corps and the Wakefield unit of the Massachusetts State Guard.

Washington Street Ball Park

The ball park was prepared for the season's activities as early in the Spring as weather conditions permitted, work starting on April 10. The entire field was raked, fertilized, seeded and rolled; base lines graded, foul lines marked, etc. The ball field was not used as extensively this season as in prior seasons.

Tennis courts were repaired, and resurfaced, and fences and nets renewed where necessary.

The wading pool received its usual attention, with an attendant in charge at regularly scheduled hours.

The annual Fourth of July Field Day, sponsored by the Board of Public Works for the benefit of Reading children, was held on the

morning of the Fourth, and as usual was well attended. Contests were held for children in each of three age brackets, Midgets, Juniors, and Seniors, in both boys and girls; also three special contests were held, open to all ages and for both boys and girls. Prizes were awarded to first and second place winners in each event, a total of 42 suitable merchandise prizes being awarded. A representative of the Board organized and managed the Field Day activities, assisted by regularly employed playground instructors. This Field Day, which for some years, has been the only organized July 4 observance in Reading, is much enjoyed and anticipated by the children, and also serves to divert their energies from more hazardous July 4 observance. Every effort is made to safeguard the children while at the Field Day. Many parents and friends of the participants were present as spectators.

Reading Common

Reading Common received its regular care and maintenance during the year. Early in the Spring, gravel areas were raked, fertilized, seeded where necessary, and rolled, shrubs trimmed, etc.

Benches on the Northwest Common were moved to more suitable locations, and set within small areas surfaced with hot asphalt mix, to prevent scuffing and wearing of grassed areas immediately surrounding benches. Also on this Common, eight maple trees were set out to replace trees lost in preceding years.

Elm and Leach Parks

These parks received usual maintenance and care during the year. No major improvements were made in either Park.

Sturges' Public Ice Skating and Winter Sports Center

This Sports Center has developed into a popular gathering place for winter sport devotees, with ample iced surface to accommodate many skaters. A hockey rink is maintained on a section of the area, and is in constant use during the winter seasons of the year. Snow is cleared from the iced areas after each snowstorm, and floodlights illuminate the areas for night skating and hockey games.

During the heavy snowstorms early in the year, particularly good skiing conditions prevailed on the several good slopes surrounding the skating area.

Intersection Grass Plots

Early in the Spring, all intersection grass plots or traffic islands were fertilized, loamed where necessary, seeded and rolled. During the Summer months, grass was kept mowed and the islands maintained.

One new island was constructed, at the intersection of Wescroft and Coolidge Roads in Wescroft Park off West Street. This traffic island has been outlined with granite curbing, which for the most part is radius or circle curb, and cut with both convex and concave face surfaces.

War Memorial

The grassed area surrounding the War Memorial was maintained during the year, as was also the shrubbery.

General Recommendations

The Department is constantly receiving requests for added Park and Playground facilities. It is expected that 1942, due to War conditions, will bring an increase in the number of requests for added facilities. Unless the appropriations for Parks and Playgrounds are substantially increased the Department will be unable to expand.

The Department has, in the past few years, hired supervisors for the Summer months. Due to lack of funds the salaries paid are very small. Consequently the program has been quite restricted and the accomplishments negligible. Much could be accomplished if funds were available for this purpose. The work week of the supervisors could be extended, materials and supplies of a necessary nature purchased, equipment secured, and the supervisors could then really accomplish something.

Much damage is done to Park and Playground facilities yearly by vandals. A great amount of this could be stopped if the citizens would report the guilty persons to either this Department or the Police Department. Citizens should keep in mind the fact that all of the Town facilities belong to them. They are your personal property for general public use. Please help us to protect them.

SEWER DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Public Works:
Gentlemen:

The following is the yearly report of the Sewer Department: Construction and Maintenance Account:

Appropriation			$ 12,000.00
Construction Expenditures:			
Pay Roll	$ 1,806.82		
Supplies for Construction	996.04		
		$ 2,802.86	
Maintenance Expenditures:			
Pay Roll	$ 4,368.12		
Interest on Bonds	2,050.00		
Insurance	432.04		
Equipment Maintenance	226.69		
Misc. Tools and Supplies	824.08		
		$ 7,900.93	
Total Expended			$ 10,703.79
Balance Unexpended			$ 1,296.21

House Connection Account

Appropriation		$ 1,700.00
Expended:		
Pay Roll	$ 1,068.32	
Pipe, Fittings, etc.	631.68	
Total Expended		$ 1,700.00
Balance Unexpended		$ .00

Sewer Construction

There were three main trunk sewer extensions made in 1941 by the Sewer Department, making sanitary sewage disposal available to eight possible house sewer connections, as shown in the following table:

Main Trunk Sewer Extensions

Location	8"V.C.	5" V.C.	Man Holes	Y's	Totals (Pipe Only)	Possible Conn.
Woburn St.	54.55		1	1	54.55	1
Gilmore Ave.		181.80	1	2	181.80	2
Bancroft Ave.	315.27		3	7	315.27	5
Totals	369.82	181.80	5	10	551.62	8

These sewer extensions, installed on application of abutting property owners on streets affected, were in each case due to improper functioning of private cesspools. The Gilmore Avenue extension necessitated a short extension on Woburn Street. On Bancroft Avenue, a dead-end sewer main laid prior to the Chapter 90 construction of Woburn Street for a possible future extension to Bancroft Avenue was utilized, and prevented excavation of newly-constructed Woburn Street. Three of the eight house connections made possible by these extensions have been made.

One other trunk sewer extension was petitioned for, but owing to the opposition expressed at a public hearing by the majority of property owners affected, the Board denied the petition.

Sewer Maintenance

Sewer main trunk lines functioned efficiently during the year, with no stoppages in trunk sewers, due in part to the extensive cleaning and flushing program in effect during the past few years since the acquisition of the Department's trailer-mounted sewer-cleaning equipment. As many of the trunk sewers are necessarily laid on extremely flat grades, periodic cleaning and flushing is imperative.

Sewer man-hole covers in various locations, worn by constant heavy traffic, were either replaced with new ground joint covers or padded with patented composition manhole gaskets.

Sewer House Connections

There were twenty-one new house sewer connections made in 1941 having a total length of 1015.5 feet, at an average cost to the individual property owners of $26.05 per connection. Nineteen of these connections were made to existing houses on streets on which trunk sewers were already available or in which trunk sewer extensions were made in 1941, one was installed to a newly erected dwelling house, and one

was installed to a new super-market building. Of the twenty-one connections made, 7 were installed under the Betterment Act which requires no initial deposit and permits payments to be extended over a period of years, and were installed as cash payments. As of January 1, 1942, there are 961 possible sewer house connections on existing sewered streets, of which number 664 or 69 per cent, are now connected.

The customary notifications stating the provisions of Chapter 280, General Laws, Acts of 1937, which became effective July 15, 1938, being an act requiring property owners to connect their estates with the common sewer within a specified time period, was made to all owners of estates situated on sewered streets. In general, this statute requires that properties, abutting streets in which a common sewer is available or is constructed in the future, must be connected with said sewer within a period of ten years, after, either the acceptance date of the act by the town (July 15, 1938) or the construction date of a sewer at a later time.

Sewer House Connection Maintenance

A total of twenty-six sewer house connection stoppages occurred during the year, and were cleared by the service crew as reported. Three of these stoppages were occasioned by the presence in the sewer connection of insoluble foreign objects; the other instances were all occasioned by fine tree roots entering the sewer pipe through defective pipe joints.

In several locations, house sewer connections which have repeatedly become partially clogged in past years were rodded out and flushed to prevent clogging. Two sewer house connections, found to have faulty joints, were relaid at no expense to the owners, one new brick sewer cleanout manhole was installed, and a new brick bottom with a cleanout trough was laid in one cleanout manhole.

General Recommendations

The sewer system should be extended. Many private cesspools are inadequate causing unhealthy conditions. Many overflow into public highways and thence into storm water drains, thus contaminating many open watercourses. Such conditions should not be allowed to exist in a highly residential area. The cure lies in the speedy extension of the sewer system.

STREETS

Streets	Possible Connections	Completed Connections	Per Cent Connected	No Construction Started	Connected to Street Line	Partially installed to House	Revenue Charged 1941
Arlington	12	5	42	4	2	1	23.23
Ash	17	10	59	6	..	1	135.80
Bancroft	27	14	52	13	..	..	133.54
Berkeley	27	18	66	9	..	..	179.17
Brook	9	4	44	5	..	..	31.76
Center	10	9	90	..	1	..	109.97
Chute	2	1	50	1	..	..	32.80
Copeland	8	8	100	..	..	..	169.76
Dudley	10	7	70	3	..	..	84.81
Eaton	12	6	50	6	..	..	23.27
Echo	4	3	75	1	..	..	15.18
Elliott	8	4	50	4	..	..	45.85
Elm	4	2	50	2	..	..	6.00
Fremont	4	4	100	..	..	..	54.84
Fulton	1	1	100	..	..	..	15.00
Gardner	8	7	87	1	..	..	48.53
Gilmore	2	1	50	1	..	..	34.29
Gould	3	3	100	..	..	..	40.83
Green	53	42	79	5	1	5	562.79
Harnden	9	8	89	..	1	..	93.19
Harrison	3	1	33	2	..	..	30.00
Haven	46	31	67	7	6	2	608.37
High	17	8	47	7	2	..	99.02
Hillcrest	10	9	90	1	..	..	107.63
Howard	18	17	94	..	1	..	225.88
Ide	2	1	50	1	..	..	24.38
John	19	15	79	4	..	..	423.23
King	6	6	100	..	..	..	114.90
Kingston	15	14	93	1	..	..	131.02
Lincoln	7	5	71	..	2	..	61.48
Linden	11	7	69	3	..	1	136.40
Lowell	4	4	100	..	..	..	48.01
Main	54	44	82	..	8	2	1,194.61
Maple	2	1	50	..	1	..	8.97
Middle	3	2	66	1	..	..	13.88
Middlesex	24	16	66	6	..	2	231.50
Minot	12	8	67	..	2	2	86.11
Mt. Vernon	23	15	65	8	..	..	172.63
Orange	3	1	33	2	..	..	.....
Parker	7	7	100	..	..	..	84.24
Park	7	6	86	..	..	1	64.30
Pearl	16	2	12	14	..	..	86.44
Perkins	7	7	100	..	..	..	122.16
Pine	1	1	100	..	..	..	6.00
Pleasant	37	19	51	16	2	..	285.56
Pratt	4	3	75	1	..	..	38.94
Prescott	53	46	87	1	5	1	556.04
Prospect	18	9	50	8	1	..	130.44
Salem	22	14	64	1	7	..	275.05
Sanborn	15	11	73	2	..	2	341.10
School	10	8	80	2	..	..	81.97
Scotland	1	1	100	..	..	..	8.05
Smith	15	15	100	..	..	..	162.47
Summer	18	9	50	8	..	1	114.99
Sunnyside	1	..	..	1	..	..	.....
Sweetser	5	2	40	..	2	1	16.34
Temple	33	14	42	..	13	6	285.78
Union	5	3	60	1	..	1	35.16
Village	22	14	64	7	..	1	190.56
Warren	17	15	88	..	1	1	144.74
Washington	38	27	71	9	2	..	296.72
Wenda	4	4	100	..	..	..	38.23
Wilson	11	9	82	2	..	..	73.82
Woburn	85	56	66	3	22	4	757.55
Totals	961	664	69	180	82	35	$9,755.28

LENGTH OF SEWER CONNECTIONS RUN TO EITHER CURB, HOUSES, OR CONNECTED

Streets	Curb	Houses	Connected	Total Length
Arlington	42.00	46.00	253.00	341.00
Ash	.....	.....	429.10	429.10
Bancroft	.....	.....	686.40	686.40
Berkeley	.....	.....	1,018.70	1,018.70
Brook	.....	.....	183.10	183.10
Center	19.00	.....	371.50	390.50
Chute	.....	.....	66.50	66.50
Copeland	.....	.....	506.00	506.00
Dudley	.....	.....	441.00	441.00
Eaton	.....	.....	354.40	354.40
Echo	.....	.....	157.00	157.00
Elliott	.....	.....	217.00	217.00
Elm	.....	.....	84.30	84.30
Fremont	.....	.....	209.00	209.00
Fulton	.....	.....	44.00	44.00
Gardner	.....	.....	312.00	312.00
Gilmore	.....	.....	42.50	42.50
Gould	.....	.....	236.50	236.50
Green	36.00	173.00	1,828.91	2,037.91
Harnden	32.00	.....	257.80	289.80
Harrison	.....	.....	45.00	45.00
Haven	186.00	79.00	1,340.80	1,605.80
High	22.00	.....	285.90	307.90
Hillcrest	.....	.....	570.00	570.00
Howard	25.00	.....	1,094.50	1,119.50
Ide	.....	.....	56.50	56.50
John	.....	37.00	582.10	619.10
King	.....	.....	369.10	369.10
Kingston	.....	.....	587.00	587.00
Lincoln	70.00	.....	253.00	323.00
Linden	.....	41.00	339.70	380.70
Lowell	.....	.....	287.00	287.00
Main	338.50	99.00	2,234.75	2,672.25
Maple	18.00	.....	40.00	58.00
Middle	.....	.....	80.50	80.50
Middlesex	.....	138.00	1,081.20	1,219.20
Minot	42.00	77.00	331.00	450.00
Mt. Vernon	.....	.....	734.70	734.70
Orange	.....	.....	47.40	47.40
Park	.....	37.00	208.00	245.00
Parker	.....	.....	302.50	302.50
Pearl	.....	.....	379.80	379.80
Perkins	.....	.....	434.80	434.80
Pine	.....	.....	46.00	46.00
Pleasant	28.00	.....	992.30	1,020.30
Pratt	.....	.....	242.00	242.00
Prescott	116.00	191.00	3,012.30	3,319.30
Prospect	.....	.....	786.80	786.80
Salem	203.29	.....	888.31	1,091.60
Sanborn	.....	98.00	699.90	797.90
School	.....	.....	416.40	416.40
Scotland	.....	.....	60.00	60.00
Summer	.....	94.00	692.20	786.20
Smith	.....	.....	602.30	602.30
Sweetser	43.00	45.00	85.00	173.00
Temple	257.00	173.00	896.30	1,326.30
Union	.....	66.00	177.00	243.00
Village	.....	34.00	658.50	692.50
Warren	19.40	68.00	599.60	687.00
Washington	50.00	48.00	1,304.80	1,402.80
Wanda	.....	.....	202.50	202.50
Wilson	.....	43.00	380.90	423.90
Woburn	352.80	222.50	3,408.60	3,983.90
Totals	1,899.99	1,809.50	35,578.67	39,288.16

LENGTH OF MAIN SEWERS IN STREETS

Streets	5″	6″	8″	10″	12″	15″	18″	20″	24″	Totals
Arlington			399.80							399.80
Ash			822.90			258.80				1,081.70
Bancroft			1,366.79							1,366.79
Berkeley			1,256.10							1,256.10
Brook									847.60	847.60
Center			620.60							620.60
Chute			120.00							120.00
Copeland			500.00							500.00
Dudley			374.50							374.50
Eaton					500.00	907.70				1,407.70
Echo				95.40	79.00					174.40
Elliott			396.00							396.00
Elm			383.28							383.28
Fremont			456.50							456.50
Gardner			475.00							475.00
Gilmore	181.80									181.80
Green		175.20	1,717.40			821.60				2,714.20
Harnden			559.30							559.30
Harrison					454.50					454.50
Haven			1,752.80							1,752.80
High				1,338.05	736.10					2,074.15
Hillcrest			770.80							770.80
Howard		300.00	1,110.00							1,410.00
Interceptors			205.00						2,732.00	2,937.00
John		110.00	266.00			569.60			178.50	1,124.10
King		340.00	175.00							515.00
Kingston			719.30							719.30
Lincoln				573.40	538.10					1,111.50
Linden		125.00	735.30							860.30
Lowell			813.10							813.10
Main			1,246.10		955.50			234.90		2,436.50
Maple			189.20							189.20
Middle			313.60							313.60
Middlesex			1,423.40							1,423.40
Minot			1,409.65							1,409.65
Mt. Vernon			828.52	160.00						988.52
Orange					396.21					396.21
Park			507.30	322.70						830.00
Parker			427.00							427.00
Pearl					855.55					855.55
Perkins			400.00							400.00
Pine			226.00							226.00
Pleasant			1,496.80		843.96					2,340.76
Pratt			555.50							555.50
Prescott			2,265.30		1,174.10					3,439.40
Prospect			1,260.00							1,260.00
Salem			1,004.90		132.50					1,137.40
Sanborn			716.30							716.30
School			688.25							688.25
Smith				475.00						475.00
Summer			1,229.40							1,229.40
Sunnyside				264.00						264.00
Sweetser			334.30							334.30
Temple		896.76		432.89	661.39					1,991.04
Union			303.60							303.60
Village			1,015.60				487.80			1,503.40
Warren			715.00							715.00
Washington			424.90		246.80	312.90		1,574.30		2,558.90
Wenda		300.00								300.00
Wilson				471.40	333.10					804.50
Woburn		732.80	2,999.25		917.40					4,649.45
Totals	181.80	2,979.76	37,975.34	4,132.84	8,824.21	2,870.60	487.80	1,809.20	3,758.10	63,019.65

LENGTH OF UNDERDRAINS IN STREETS

Streets	5 Inch	6 Inch	8 Inch	10 Inch	Total Length	Total Length Sewers and Underdrains
Arlington	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	399.80
Ash	237.00	.....	.....	258.80	495.80	1,577.50
Bancroft	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,051.52
Berkeley	.....	456.00	.....	.....	456.00	1,712.10
Brook	.....	847.60	.....	.....	847.60	1,695.20
Center	620.60	.....	.....	.....	620.60	1,241.20
Chute	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	120.00
Copeland	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500.00
Dudley	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	374.50
Eaton	.....	880.00	527.70	.....	1,407.70	2,815.40
Echo	.....	159.00	.....	.....	159.00	333.40
Elliott	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	396.00
Elm	383.28	.....	.....	.....	383.28	766.56
Fremont	.....	456.50	.....	.....	456.50	913.00
Gardner	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	475.00
Green	836.90	974.10	.....	.....	1,811.00	4,525.20
Harnden	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	559.30
Harrison	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	454.50
Haven	.....	588.20	.....	.....	588.20	2,341.00
High	.....	487.70	736.10	.....	1,223.80	3,297.95
Hillcrest	.....	450.40	.....	.....	450.40	1,221.20
Howard	.....	1,410.00	.....	.....	1,410.00	2,820.00
Interceptors	.....	2,937.00	.....	.....	2,937.00	5,874.00
John	.....	748.10	.....	.....	748.10	1,872.20
King	.....	175.00	.....	.....	175.00	690.00
Kingston	609.30	110.00	.....	.....	719.30	1,438.60
Lincoln	.....	.....	1,111.50	.....	1,111.50	2,223.00
Linden	290.40	444.90	.....	.....	735.30	1,595.60
Lowell	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	813.10
Main	.....	1,246.10	955.50	234.90	2,436.50	4,873.00
Maple	189.20	.....	.....	.....	189.20	378.40
Middle	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	313.60
Middlesex	254.00	.....	.....	.....	254.00	1,677.40
Minot	972.65	437.00	.....	.....	1,409.65	2,819.30
Mt. Vernon	.....	230.30	.....	.....	230.30	1,218.82
Orange	.....	396.21	.....	.....	396.21	792.42
Park	507.30	.....	322.70	.....	830.00	1,660.00
Parker	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	427.00
Pearl	.....	855.55	.....	.....	855.55	1,711.10
Perkins	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	400.00
Pine	226.00	.....	.....	.....	226.00	452.00
Pleasant	.....	374.00	469.80	.....	843.80	3,184.56
Pratt	252.20	303.30	.....	.....	555.50	1,111.10
Prescott	1,070.60	2,091.80	.....	.....	3,162.40	6,601.80
Prospect	886.00	.....	.....	.....	886.00	2,146.00
Salem	543.00	.....	132.50	.....	675.50	1,812.90
Sanborn	200.00	.....	.....	.....	200.00	916.30
School	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	688.25
Smith	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	475.00
Summer	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,229.40
Sunnyside	.....	222.00	.....	.....	222.00	486.00
Sweetser	175.00	.....	.....	.....	175.00	509.30
Temple	.....	40.00	.....	.....	40.00	2,031.04
Union	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	303.60
Village	.....	825.00	.....	.....	825.00	2,328.40
Warren	715.00	.....	.....	.....	715.00	1,430.00
Washington	.....	724.00	246.80	1,163.20	2,134.00	4,692.90
Wenda	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300.00
Wilson	.....	.....	804.50	.....	804.50	1,609.00
Woburn	1,196.00	.....	917.40	.....	2,113.40	6,708.30
Total Lengths	10,164.43	18,869.76	6,224.50	1,656.90	36,915.59	99,383.62

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

To the Board of Public Works:

Gentlemen:

The following is the yearly report of the executive office:

Appropriation		$ 6,335.00
Expended:		
Salaries	$ 5,417.69	
Supplies and Miscellaneous	917.22	
Total Expended		6,334.91
Balance Unexpended		$ .00

The following table shows the expenditures made this past year in the major departments, the payroll of each, and the entire expenditures of the Department of Public Works.

Note: Highway includes all other departmental accounts not specifically mentioned below, such as Chapter 90, Betterments, Drainage, Snow and Ice, etc.

	B. P. W.	Water	Highway	Sewer	Park	Totals
Pay Roll	$5,417.69	$23,358.91	$ 69,738.15	$ 7,243.26	$2,811.90	$108,569.91
Bills	917.22	51,085.19	70,745.44	5,160.53	2,188.10	130,096.48
Totals	$6,334.91	$74,444.10	$140,483.59	$12,403.79	$5,000.00	$238,666.39

In closing this report, the Superintendent wishes to express his appreciation to the members of the Board for their many helpful suggestions and kindnesses extended to him during the year, and to assure all those in any way associated with him in carrying on the work of the Department of his gratitude for their interest and co-operation, and to acknowledge the assistance, co-operation and helpful suggestions which he has received from the other department heads of the town.

PHILIP WELCH, Superintendent.

SPECIAL DRAINAGE COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of the Town of Reading, the Special Drainage Committee for the Lake Quannapowitt Drainage Area submits its second annual report:

The Special Drainage Committee as a whole has held ten general meetings during the year. Various sub-committees of the Drainage Committee have been appointed from time to time to consult with State, Federal and Town authorities on matters pertaining to the Quannapowitt Drain System. All have given generously of their time and effort and have achieved excellent results.

It is with pleasure that the Drainage Committee at this time is enabled to make a report of progress in actual construction work of the drainage system, with a resume of results achieved in 1941.

Early in February, 1941, approval was given by Federal authorities for the construction of the drainage system by means of a W. P. A. project, with a substantial financial saving to the Town in the cost of construction.

As the original drainage act, Chapter 458, Acts of 1939, contained a provision that the Town should pay into the State Treasury the sum of $125,000.00 for construction purposes, permission was requested of the Town at a Special Town Meeting held December 2, 1940 for authority to petition the State Legislature to amend Chapter 458, Acts of 1939 to eliminate this provision, and substitute in its place the provision that the Town pay into the State Treasury a sum estimated by the State Department of Public Works to be sufficient to cover the cost to the Town for the construction of the drainage system. This requested authority was given, the State Legislature so petitioned, and the following amendment made:

CHAPTER 62, ACTS OF 1941

AN ACT FURTHER PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE ESTIMATED COST FOR THE DRAINAGE OF THE LOW LANDS ADJACENT TO LAKE QUANNAPOWITT IN THE TOWN OF READING.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Chapter four hundred and fifty-eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-nine is hereby amended by striking out

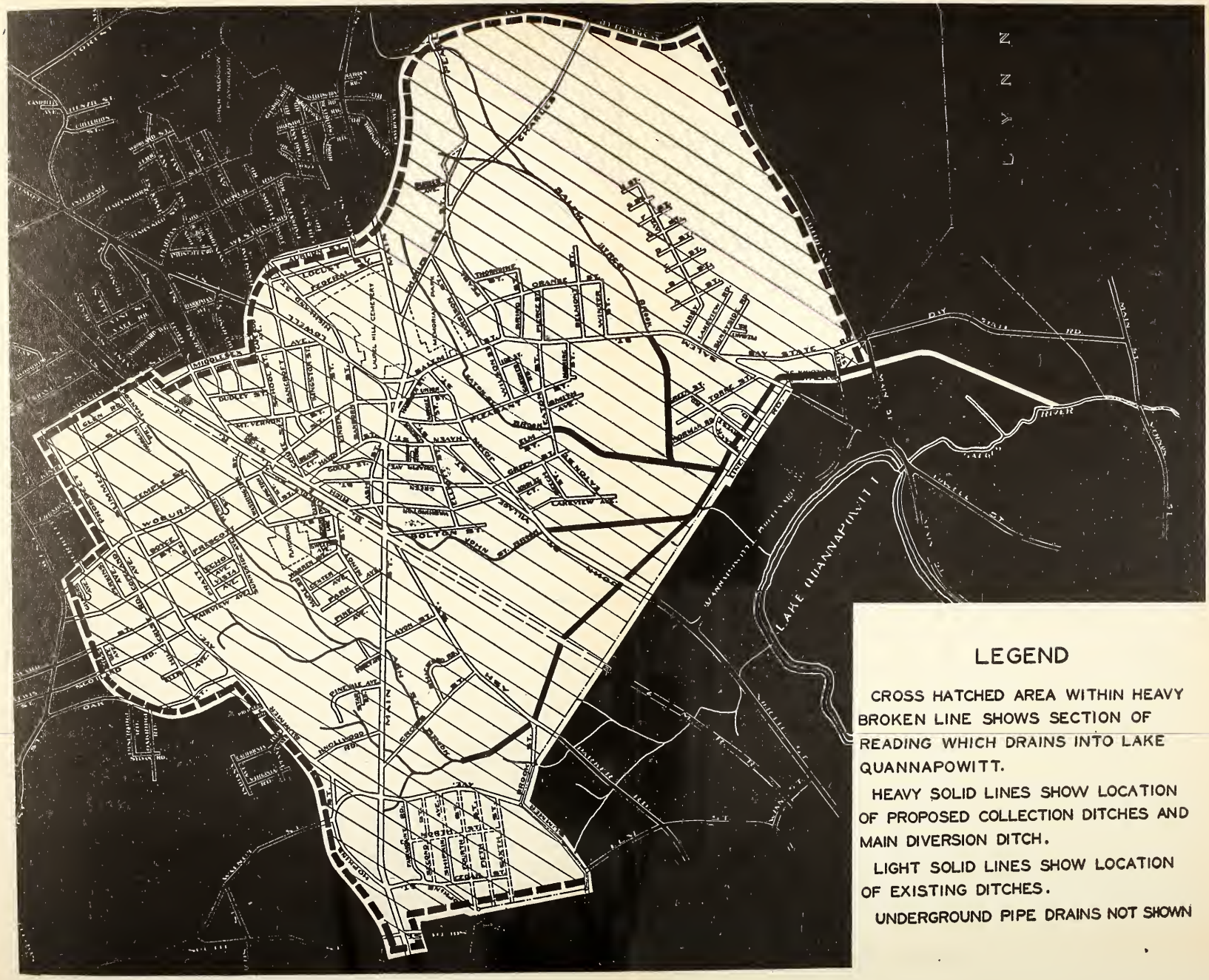
section four and inserting in place thereof the following:—Section 4. The total cost of the work authorized by this act shall not exceed one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. The town of Reading shall pay into the state treasury the initial sum of ten thousand dollars, which sum shall constitute a fund for the improvements hereinbefore authorized, and be used, without further appropriation by the general court, in part for the necessary engineering service, surveys and the design of the proposed drainage system, but no construction work under authority of this act shall be commenced until the department shall have held a public hearing, duly advertised, and until there shall have been paid into the state treasury by said town such further sum, which shall be added to said fund, as shall be estimated by the department to be sufficient to cover that part of the cost of such construction to be paid from funds other than those that may be allotted by the federal government for such project; and thereafter there shall be paid into the state treasury by said town from time to time such further sum or sums, which shall be added to said fund, as may be determined by the department to be necessary for such project. Any surplus of said fund remaining after the completion of the work authorized by this act shall be refunded by the state treasurer to said town. Such fund may be expended, without further appropriation by the general court, in co-operation with the federal government in unemployment relief and other projects as may be determined by the department.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
Approved March 7, 1941.

After conferring with the State Department of Public Works, it was agreed that a deposit of $45,000.00 be made to the State Treasury to cover construction costs, together with the sum of $8,000.00 to be set up in Town W. P. A. project funds, also for construction purposes. These amounts together totaled 45.1 per cent of the estimated construction costs, with Federal funds in the amount of $63,581.00, set up in the approved W. P. A. project, totaling 54.9 per cent.

A report was made and submitted to the Finance Committee recommending that this form of financing construction costs of the drainage system be accepted, and, after receiving the approval of the Finance Committee, an article was placed in the Annual Town Warrant at the Annual Town Meeting held March 10, 1941 requesting appropriation of these funds for construction of the drainage system.

At this Town Meeting, by means of a large-scale map on the platform at Security Hall and small-scale reproductions thereof distributed to the voters, the drainage system was explained in some detail and various questions answered regarding construction details and probable



LEGEND

CROSS HATCHED AREA WITHIN HEAVY BROKEN LINE SHOWS SECTION OF READING WHICH DRAINS INTO LAKE QUANNAPOWITT.

HEAVY SOLID LINES SHOW LOCATION OF PROPOSED COLLECTION DITCHES AND MAIN DIVERSION DITCH.

LIGHT SOLID LINES SHOW LOCATION OF EXISTING DITCHES.

UNDERGROUND PIPE DRAINS NOT SHOWN

benefits to be derived from the drain system. The map contained in this report is a reproduction of the above mentioned map.

The requested appropriations were so voted, and in due time a $45,000.00 Bond issue was raised, and the sum of $8,000.00 transferred from Town W. P. A. material appropriations to the Drainage Construction funds.

A sub-committee was then appointed to confer with State Department of Public Works officials regarding land takings for the drainage right-of-way, and to ascertain how soon actual construction work could be started after the necessary legal requirements pertaining thereto were completed. At the request of the State Department, the Special Drainage Committee appointed a representative of the Committee to interview land owners affected by the drain taking and secure voluntary easements from them or to submit to the Committee for approval any agreements suggested to him.

Actual construction work on the drainage system started August 13, 1941, with excavation of Main Street, Wakefield for installation of a cement box culvert and the removal of shoals in the existing culvert where the Saugus River passes under Vernon Street at the Wakefield-Lynnfield Town Line.

Because of necessary legal requirements, actual land takings on the drainage right-of-way were not consummated until October 31, 1941, on which date Orders of Takings were legally recorded on that section of the drain system from Vernon Street, Wakefield, and Main Street, Lynnfield, to Main Street, Wakefield. W. P. A. laborers were then assigned to remove trees from the easement area and otherwise clear obstructions from the right-of-way, in preparation for ditch excavation, and on Friday. November 22, 1941 the Bay City gasoline powered crane was moved to the drain easement locus adjacent to the Lynnfield-Wakefield Town Line, and started excavation of the drain ditch by means of a drag-line bucket. By utilizing wood-beam support mats, this unit has experienced no difficulty in traversing the meadow and swamp land prevalent in this area, and up to January 1, 1942, had excavated 2700 lineal feet of drain ditch, from Vernon Street, Wakefield to within 1200 feet of Main Street, Wakefield. Culverts at Main Street, Wakefield and John Street, Reading have been completed, with the exception of the Westerly wing or head-wall on the Main Street culvert.

A shortage of W. P. A. labor apparently existed in Reading during the latter months of 1941, as only a small force of laborers were

assigned to this project, which was originally set up for an average force of 95 laborers, 23 intermediate, and 21 skilled workers, and 4 supervisors. It is anticipated that a suitable number of W. P. A. personnel will be assigned to this project from other nearby towns having an excess of labor but lacking suitable W. P. A. projects. As Federal funds are being used to employ these men, and if Reading's W. P. A. manpower is insufficient for the project, this importing of out-of-town labor may be necessary for completion of the project as outlined and set up by Federal authorities.

The W. P. A. personnel assigned to this project totaled 24 at the start in August, 38 in September, and 40 in December, these men being classified in various rating of laborers, intermediate, skilled, and supervisory. At the time of printing this report, February 12, 1942, there are an average number of 135 W. P. A. employees at work on this project, of which 85 have been assigned from Melrose and North Reading.

One change in location was made in the drainage right-of-way from the original proposed layout, from Salem Street westerly. This relocation was made because of existing physical obstructions in the original layout, and was approved by the Drainage Committee.

On December 15, 1941 the State Department was requested to complete taking proceedings on that section of the drain right-of-way from Main Street, Wakefield to Track (Private) Road West in Reading. This taking had not been recorded on January 1, 1942 but final recording is anticipated shortly, as soon as final approval of the taking is given by the State Department and the Attorney General of the Commonwealth.

Construction of the drainage system is continuing through the winter months, and frozen ground is not seriously impeding excavation as the presence of ground water tends to keep frost from penetrating the ground to any great extent. The open winter, with lack of any snow up to January 1, 1942 and the unusually dry Summer, Fall and early Winter months have resulted in excellent working conditions in the drain location.

Laboratory tests made by the State Department of Public Works testing laboratory of bottom material excavated from the bottom channel of the drain ditch on Main Street, Wakefield early in September showed the material to be 3 per cent clay, 67 per cent silt, and 30 per cent fine sand, and was designated as Public Roads Classification

A-4, satisfactory for use as bottom material in the drainage channel. The section of channel completed is functioning satisfactorily, carrying off surface water from the area served, and is holding its shape well.

With the coming of mild weather in the Spring of 1942 the Committee has reason to believe that rapid progress will be made in further extension of the drainage system to its ultimate completion, and, from results already apparent in the sector completed, are convinced that this drainage system, based on sound engineering principles, will eliminate the existing deplorable drainage conditions in the Lake Quannapowitt Drainage Area.

In closing this report, the Committee wishes to express its appreciation of the excellent co-operation received through the year from the State Department of Public Works, the Reading Board of Public Works, and other Boards and officials with whom it has conferred.

WENDELL P. DAVIS, Chairman
HAROLD W. PUTNAM, Secretary
CARL W. GOODRIDGE
WILLIAM A. CONNELLY
PHILIP WHITE
SAMUEL H. DAVIS
ARTHUR W. COOLIDGE
EDWARD A. BROPHY
HERBERT W. HUNT
FRED LAIDLAW
GEORGE ZANNI

Reading Drainage Committee.

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

of the

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMISSIONERS

For the Year Ended

December 31, 1941

OFFICERS OF ELECTRIC AND POWER DEPARTMENT

Commissioners

HENRY R. JOHNSON, Chairman ..... Term expires 1944
LOUIS ELLENWOOD, Secretary ..... Term expires 1943
HERBERT G. EVANS ..... Term expires 1942

Manager

ARTHUR G. SIAS

Office

25 Haven St., Reading, Mass.

MANAGER'S REPORT

To the Municipal Light Board:

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of the operation of the Municipal Light Plant for the year ending December 31, 1941.

The maximum load indicated by the instruments on the switchboard at the power station was 3975 K. W. and occurred on December 26th. This is an increase of 350 K. W. over the maximum load in 1940 and is 9.66 per cent.

The maximum daily station output in kilowatt hours was 47,860 which was approximately 12.37 per cent greater than the previous year.

The average annual power factor was 82.7 per cent.

We purchased 12,185,008 kilowatt hours during the year, an increase of 820,008 over the previous year, or about 7.22 per cent.

The average cost of the current purchased was 1.20482 cents per kilowatt hour, which is about 5 per cent higher than the previous year, due to increased demand charges and fuel costs.

There was an increase of 715,338 in the number of kilowatt hours sold, the total sales being 11,016,852 or approximately 7 per cent more than in 1940. The kilowatt hour loss in distribution amounted to 8.77 per cent which is slightly higher than the previous year.

Kilowatt hours sold for residence service amounted to 6,308,844, an increase of 427,837 or a little more than 7 per cent. The sales for commercial service were 1,666,126 kilowatt hours, an increase of 122,852 or

about 8 per cent, and sales for power were 1,724,810 kilowatt hours, an increase of 138,660 or 8.74 per cent. The kilowatt hours sold per residence meter increased from 1014 in 1940 to 1040 in 1941.

The revenue from sales of electrical energy amounted to $377,725.15, an increase of $20,134.03 over the previous year. Sales to residence customers increased $16,085.75, to commercial customers $3,041.78 and to power customers $1,484.29, while sales to other companies, and for street lighting and municipal buildings were $477.79 less than in the previous year.

The operating expenses for the year were $305,431.60, an increase of $29,530.37, of which the increased cost of current purchased amounting to $16,948.92 and transmission and distribution expense increases of $8,128.09 account for the greater part of the increase.

The income balance to Profit and Loss was $59,844.00 and the net increase in Profit and Loss Surplus was $6,844.00 after payment of notes and bonds amounting to $19,000.00 and payment to the Town Treasurer of $35,000.00 for the relief of taxation.

An amount of $36,130.78 for depreciation equal to three per cent of the cost of the plant as of December 31, 1940, and which is included in the operating expenses, has been charged off the several plant accounts.

Current Assets at the close of the year amounted to $166,202.76, an increase of $48,578.88 and Current liabilities were $68,793.22, an increase of $28,296.15, showing a net increase in Current assets over Current liabilities of $20,282.73.

The cost of additions to plant during the year amounted to $61,310.32 of which $22,104.93 was paid from the proceeds of loans authorized by special votes and the balance from the earnings of the plant through the Construction and Depreciation Funds.

POWER STATION

The office, main generating and switchboard room, and a portion of the basement have been cleaned and painted. The switchboard lighting has been improved by the installation of fluorescent lamps.

Two of the old 17½ K. W. street light regulators have been removed and regulators of 30 K. W. capacity substituted to provide for increased load.

The oil circuit breakers, relays, and switchborad instruments have been tested and necessary repairs made.

Additional lighting circuits have been installed and existing circuits rearranged to improve the general lighting of the building.

The old boiler feed pump has been replaced with a new one.

An inspection of the railroad trestle was made by engineers of the Boston and Maine Railroad and extensive repairs were ordered, both on the portion of the trestle on our property and also on the portion belonging to Mr. Sweetser.

The repairs to our part of the trestle cost $542.64 and to Mr. Sweetser's part $1,122.90.

Under the terms of the original deed of the property to the Town, one-half of the expense of maintaining that part of the trestle between the railroad right-of-way and the electric light property is to be borne by the Town. This makes our total expense for trestle repairs $1,104.09.

The boiler blow-off pit at the north side of the station has been repaired and a reinforced concrete cover has been constructed.

Minor repairs have been made to the building and equipment.

As a defense measure a protective crib filled with sand has been constructed around the high tension transformers at the south side of the power station at a cost of $664.42 and the necessary provisions have been made to operate the station under blackout conditions.

The maximum rated capacity of either of the two high tension transformers at the power station is 3750 K. V. A. while our peak load in December reached 4140 K. V. A. and in all probability will show an increase during the next winter.

It is necessary to have both transformers in operation during the peak load period and if trouble should develop in one of them, it is doubtful if the remaining one will carry the excess load with safety. I recommend that two new transformers of 6667 K. V. A. capacity each, be purchased and those now in use be disposed of.

The approximate cost of the new transformers installed will be $25,000.00 which can be paid from the Depreciation Fund.

DISTRIBUTION LINES

The extension of the underground system on High and Lowell Streets has been continued during the year with W. P. A. labor. 26,909 feet of duct has been laid, 7 manholes constructed, 6 pull holes installed, 10 lamp posts set, 41,056 feet of cable pulled in, and 3 transformers installed. The duct work has not yet been completed owing to lack of W. P. A. funds for labor. An additional appropriation of $3,400.00 has been requested for the expense of labor to complete the work.

A sufficient quantity of cable has been purchased to complete the underground feeder lines in High and Lowell Streets for the Wilming-

ton district in order to relieve an overload condition on the present feeders.

It is planned to have this project completed before June 1st.

On account of the restriction imposed by the Office of Production Management upon the use of copper it is doubtful if we will be able to obtain the necessary cable for the local primary feeders and house service connections on the High and Lowell Streets project until after the war period.

In the Wescroft Park area 6,945 feet of duct and 7,207 feet of cable has been installed to provide service for 12 new houses and 7 street lights. One manhole and 2 pull holes were constructed also. The amount expended on this project during the year was $3,847.87.

The new housing development off Forest Street in Emerson Acres required the setting of 24 poles and addition of 12,659 feet of wire at a cost of $1,940.60. 36 new houses have been connected in this development.

The erection of additional houses in the Lynnfield Center area called for the setting of 30 poles and addition of 41,387 feet of wire. 73 new houses were connected and 75 K. V. A. capacity in power factor correction installed. The increase in investment was $5,324.99.

Materials were purchased for floodlighting the ball field at the Birch Meadow Playground but it was decided to defer the installation of the lights for the present.

The number of additional poles set was 147 and the number renewed 527. 184,846 feet of overhead wire and 48,263 feet of underground cable has been installed during the year.

We have connected 303 new services, and installed 13 additional transformers with a total capacity of 195 K. V. A.

The number of transformers in service at the end of the year was 528 with a total capacity of 6401 K. V. A.

Tree clearance has been improved in Wilmington by doing the necessary trimming under the supervision of the Tree Warden. Similar work has been started in Reading and is now in progress under the direction of Tree Warden, Maurice Donegan.

STREET LIGHTING

The following additional street lights have been installed during the year:

In Reading: West Street 1, Oak Street 1, Pleasant Street 1, Pilgrim Road 2, Pearl Street 1, also 1 private light on Wood End Lane.

In North Reading: Mill Street 2, Riverside Drive 4, Main Street 6.

In Wilmington: Bridge Lane 1.

Below is a schedule showing the total number of street lights connected to our lines December 31st.

	Public	Private	Total
Reading	1012	9	1021
North Reading	365	3	368
Wilmington	530	4	534
Lynnfield Center	178	3	181
Totals	2085	19	2104

There were 464,770 kilowatt hours sent out on the Reading street light circuits at a cost per kilowatt hour, as defined by statute, of 3.09 cents, making the total cost $14,386.49. The appropriation for street lighting was $14,000.00.

METER DEPARTMENT

The practice of installing outdoor meters has been continued during the year, 480 being installed, making the total number of outdoor meters 3,535 or over fifty per cent of the total number of meters in use.

We have purchased during the year 478 meters and removed from service and condemned 90 old type meters.

Meter repairs included the replacement of 430 jewel bearings, 550 pivots, and 383 temperature compensating shunts. A summary of the testing report is shown below:

Request Tests	200
Periodic Tests	506
Laboratory Tests	989
Meter repairs	278
Miscellaneous	330

HOLIDAY LIGHTING

The decorative lighting for the Christmas season was confined to evergreen trees on the common and parks.

1,265 lights were installed and the cost to the department was $238.40.

GARAGE

The Department operates 14 automobiles, of which 8 are trucks and 6 passenger type.

The average cost per mile for the operation of all the cars was 4.832 cents and the total mileage was 138,680 miles.

Details of expenses are shown in the table below:

Gasoline	$ 1,362.16
Oil	50.49
Tires and Repairs	1,283.49
Labor	2,070.32
Insurance	765.14
Depreciation	1,170.00
Total	$ 6,701.60

Under authority granted at the annual meeting in March, 1941 an addition to the garage and stock room 60 by 64½ feet has been constructed, and provides much needed space for the automobiles and materials.

George H. Sidebottom was engaged to prepare the plans and specifications.

The foundation work, filling, grading, concrete floor and apron, also the electrical work was done by employees of the Department. The contract for the construction of the building was let to William A. Cann Company of Lexington, this company being the lowest responsible bidder.

The heating system was installed by Edward Lappin.

The cost of the building as completed was $12,556.37, $10,000.00 of which was borrowed by vote of the Town and the balance of the cost was paid from the Depreciation Fund.

The principal items of cost are shown in the following schedule:

William A. Cann Co.—contract	$ 6,552.00
William A. Cann Co.—extras	720.72
Edward Lappin—installing heating	322.00
Boyd Weatherproofing Service—sandblasting	75.00
Municipal Light Department—labor	2,500.14
Municipal Light Department—materials	1,893.51
George H. Sidebottom—Architect	493.00
Total Cost	$ 12,556.37

LAMP AND APPLIANCE DEPARTMENT

The net sales in this department were $70,825.12, the largest in the history of the plant. 1,289 items of merchandise were sold to the users of our service, among which were 258 ranges, 205 refrigerators, 33 water heaters, 93 washing machines, 92 flat irons, and 110 portable lamps.

It is estimated that as a result of these sales the annual revenue from the additional kilowatt hours sold should be about $16,000.00.

The appropriation for this department was $12,000.00 and the net expense as itemized below was $6,403.02.

STATEMENT OF MERCHANDISE REVENUE AND EXPENSE

For the Year Ending December 31, 1941

SALES OF APPLIANCES a/ 560	$ 73,825.79
Deduct—RETURNS AND ALLOWANCES	3,000.67
NET SALES	70,825.12
COST OF APPLIANCES SOLD	51,235.89
GROSS PROFIT	19,589.23
Deduct—EXPENSES:	
Rent	2,459.78
Payroll	8,146.30
Commissions	4,962.38
Express and Trucking	378.05
Store Expense	131.74
Sales Expense	347.93
Automobile Expense	152.10
Advertising—Merchandise	2,116.96
Demonstrations and Exhibits	44.87
Cost of Installations	5,409.41
Inventory Adjustments	1,843.41
Uncollectible Accounts	153.27
Insurance	94.73
Miscellaneous	
TOTAL EXPENSE	$ 26,240.93
SALE OF APPLIANCES—NET EXPENSE	6,651.70
JOBBING SERVICE—NET EXPENSE	92.38
RENTAL MERCHANDISE—NET EXPENSE	341.06
TOTAL MERCHANDISE EXPENSE	6,403.02

Estimated Annual KWH Used by Appliances Sold 533,436

Estimated Annual Revenue at 3.15c per KWH .. $16,803.23

SALE OF RENTAL REAL ESTATE

In accordance with the authority granted by vote of the Town at a special meeting held December 1, 1941, the real estate located at the junction of Haven, High, and Green Streets, consisting of 4,479 square feet of land, together with the building thereon, designated as No's 1 Haven Street and 31 and 33 High Street, has been sold to Norman P. and Esther D. Charles for the sum of $10,000.00. This amount has been set up in a special fund, designated as "Real Estate Debt Retirement Fund" and is to be used to retire the notes issued for the purchase of the property, in accordance with the provisions of Section 63, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

ESTIMATE FOR 1942

In accordance with the provisions of Section 57, Chapter 164 of the General Laws, I submit herewith my estimate of the income and expenses of the plant for the coming year.

Income

From Private Consumers		$373,390.07
From Tax Levy:		
For Street Lights	$ 15,000.00	
For Municipal Dept.	4,800.00	19,800.00
From Miscellaneous Income		980.00
Total Income		$394,170.07

Expenses

For Operation, Maintenance and Repairs	$301,561.72
For Interest on Bonds and Notes	2,847.50
For Depreciation at 3% on $1,264,101.93	37,923.06
For Bond Payments	2,000.00
For Note Payments	22,000.00
Total Expenses	$366,332.28

A summary of cash receipts and expenditures, statement of the various funds, book value and total cost of the plant, together with statistics pertaining to the plant and a list of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the year, is appended.

Respectfully submitted,
ARTHUR G. SIAS, Manager.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

CHARLES E. STANWOOD & COMPANY

Accountants and Auditors

150 Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts
February 4, 1942

To the Municipal Light Board
Town of Reading
Massachusetts

We have examined the accompanying balance sheet of the Municipal Light Department of the Town of Reading, Massachusetts, as at December 31, 1941 and related statements of income and profit and loss for the year then ended, and reviewed the system of internal control and accounting procedures and, without making a detailed audit of the transactions, have examined or tested accounting records of the Department and other supporting evidence, by methods and to the extent we deemed appropriate.

In our opinion said financial statements present fairly the position of the Municipal Light Department as at December 31, 1941 and the results of their operations for the year then ended, in conformity with the "Uniform System of Accounts for Municipal Lighting Plants" as prescribed by the Department of Public Utilities of Massachusetts.

CHARLES E. STANWOOD & COMPANY.

REPORT OF MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

The report of the manager as submitted by him together with the certificate of the auditor, is approved by the Municipal Light Board and constitutes its report to the Town.

HENRY R. JOHNSON
LOUIS ELLENWOOD
HERBERT G. EVANS
Municipal Light Board.

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
For the Year Ending December 31, 1941

Revenues:	
Residence Service	$257,242.55
Commercial Service	55,029.64
Commercial Power—Wholesale	24,858.41
Municipal Service	10,125.85
Sales to Private Companies and Municipal Plants	1,330.52
Street Lighting Service	29,138.18
Miscellaneous Income	4,381.48
Total Revenues	$382,106.63
Expenses:	
Production Expenses	$147,136.26
Distribution Expenses	66,990.20
Utilization Expenses	12,114.71
Commercial Expenses	18,381.52
New Business Expenses	190.70
General Expenses	25,487.43
Depreciation Expense	36,130.78
Interest on Bonds and Notes	2,810.24
Taxes	5,185.00
Uncollectible Operating Revenue	753.17
Interest on Consumers' Deposits	338.54
Merchandise Expense	6,744.08
Total Expenses	$322,262.63
Balance to Profit and Loss	$ 59,844.00
Totals	$382,106.63

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
As of December 31, 1941

Balance December 31, 1940	$174,838.84
Income Balance from Operating Account	59,844.00
Surplus Adjustment—1940 Profit and Loss	1,000.00
Total Credits	235,682.84
Bonds and Notes Paid	$ 19,000.00
Transferred to General Funds of the Town for reduction of taxes	35,000.00
Total Debits	54,000.00
Credit Balance Dec. 31, 1941	181,682.84

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As of December 31, 1941

Fixed Assets:	
Land	$ 10,035.26
Structures	65,912.46
Plant Equipment	47,710.05
Transformer Station and Substation Equip.	31,427.89
Poles Fixtures and Overhead Conductors	267,871.91
Underground Conduit	98,661.14
Underground Conductors	85,302.85
Consumers Meters and Installations	53,044.24
Line Transformers and Intallations	35,089.34
Street Lighting Equipment	21,340.60
General Equipment	14,804.99
Total Fixed Assets	731,200.73
Unfinished Construction .....4.....	5,048.32
Current Assets:	
Funds	33,710.65
Accounts Receivable	39,125.63
Materials and Supplies Inventories	93,366.48
Total Current Assets	$166,202.76
Prepaid Insurance	781.90
Totals	$903,233.71

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As of December 31, 1941

Liabilities:	
Notes Payable	$143,000.00
Bonds Payable	20,000.00
Accounts Payable	57,788.68
Consumers Deposits	11,004.54
Town Treasurer—Petty Cash Fund	250.00
Interest Accrued	780.53
Loans Repayment	488,578.26
Premium on Bonds	148.86
Total Liabilities	$721,550.87
Profit and Loss Balance Dec. 31, 1941	181,682.84
Totals	$903,233.71

NOTE: A contingent liability in the amount of $31,845.30 existed at December 31, 1941 on account of leases received from installment sales of electrical appliances and which were discounted with the First National Bank of Reading.

PETTY CASH FUND

Petty Cash Fund—Due Town Treasurer	$ 250.00

OPERATION FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 1941	None
Debits	
Received from Sale of Electricity	$415,480.98
Received from Appropriation for Streets Lights	14,000.00
Received from Sale of Merchandise and Jobbing	67,260.84
Received from Sale of Junk	498.62
Received from Rental Property	1,594.54
Received from Sale of High Street Property	10,000.00
Received from Interest on Consumers' Deposits	239.45
Total Debits	$509,074.43
Credits	
Expenditures for Operation	$386,345.36
Merchandise and Jobbing Service Expense	25,992.25
Bonds and Notes Paid	19,000.00
Interest Paid on Bonds and Notes	3,045.00
Amount transferred to Depreciation Funds	36,130.78
Total Credits	$470,513.39
Balance Dec. 31, 1941	38,561.04
Amount Transferred to Town Treasurer	$ 35,000.00
Amount Transferred to Construction Fund	3,561.04
Balance Dec. 31, 1941 (After Closing)	None

DEPRECIATION FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 1941		None
Debits		
Amount transferred from Income	$ 36,130.78	
Total Debits		$ 36,130.78

Credits

Amount expended for Construction	$ 36,130.78	
Total Credits		$ 36,130.78
Balance Dec. 31, 1941		None

CONSTRUCTION FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 1941		$ 2,179.84
Debits		
Amount transferred from Operation	$ 2,803.70	
Amount transferred from Real Estate Operating Fund	1,644.05	$ 4,447.75
Total Debits		6,627.59
Credits		
Amount expended for Construction	$ 3,066.55	
Total Credits		$ 3,066.55
Balance Dec. 31, 1941		3,561.04

SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION FUND—GARAGE ADDITION

Debits		
Amount of Note Issue	$ 10,000.00	
Transferred from Depreciation	2,556.37	$ 12,556.37
Credits		
Amount Expended for Construction of Garage Addition		$ 12,556.37
Balance Dec. 31, 1941		None

SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION FUND—UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTION

Debits	
Amount of Note Issue	$ 21,000.00
Credits	
Amt. Expended for Underground Construction	$ 12,104.93
Balance Dec. 31, 1941	8,895.07

REAL ESTATE OPERATING FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 1941	$ 1,644.05	
Debits		
Rents Collected	$ 1,647.50	
		$ 3,291.55
Credits		
Water and Sewer Service	$ 35.25	
Heat	190.99	
Surveying Land	27.25	
Transferred to Construction Fund	1,644.05	
Janitor Care	29.35	
Miscellaneous Maintenance Items	58.03	
Total Expenses Paid		$ 1,984.92
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1941		1,306.63
Transferred to Operation Account		1,306.63
Balance Dec. 31, 1941		None

INVENTORY OF MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1941

Line Materials and Supplies	$ 46,065.79
Electric Appliances in Stock	35,586.11
Tools and Supplies	11,442.54
Coal	271.94
Total Materials and Supplies	$ 93,366.48

SUMMARY OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

During the Period January 1, 1941 Through December 31, 1941

Cash Balances Jan. 1, 1941	
Operation Fund	None
Depreciation Fund	None
Construction Fund	$ 2,179.84
Real Estate Fund	1,644.05
Special Construction Fund—25 Haven St. Bldg.	None
Petty Cash Fund	250.00
Total Cash Balances Jan. 1, 1941	$ 4,073.89

Cash Received:	
Sale of Electricity	$415,480.98
Sale of Merchandise and Jobbing	67,260.84
Street Light Appropriation	14,000.00
Sale of Junk	498.62
Interest on Consumers Deposits	239.45
Rental Property	1,594.54
Sale of High Street Property	10,000.00
Total Cash Received	$509,074.43
Totals	513,148.32
Cash Disbursed:	
Operation Accounts—Plant, Merchandise and Jobbing	$366,909.95
Construction Accounts	61,302.26
Taxes	5,185.00
Interest Paid	3,045.00
Bonds and Notes Paid	19,000.00
Transferred to Town Treasurer	35,000.00
Total Cash Disbursed	$490,442.21
Cash Balances December 31, 1941	
Operation Fund	None
Depreciation Fund	None
Construction Fund	$ 3,561.04
Real Estate Debt Retirement Fund	10,000.00
Special Construction Fund—Underground Construction	8,895.07
Petty Cash Fund	250.00
Total Cash Balance Dec. 31, 1941	$ 22,706.11

ADDITIONS TO PLANT
During the Year 1941

Structures—Garage and Storeroom	$ 12,556.37
Electric Plant—Steam	756.71
Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Conduits	17,175.79
Underground Conduits	7,470.09
Underground Conductors	13,505.60
Consumers Meters	3,187.21
Consumers Meters Installation	1,848.38
Line Transformers	2,827.22
Line Transformers Installation	125.00
Street Lighting Equipment	1,857.95
Total Additions to Plant	$ 61,310.32

DEPRECIATION CHARGED OFF PLANT ACCOUNTS

During the Year 1941

Structures	$ 1,448.35
Electric Plant—Steam	4,940.03
Transf. Sta. and Substa. Equip.	2,440.17
Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Cond.	15,958.11
Underground Conduits	2,087.51
Underground Conductors	2,649.71
Consumers Meters	2,181.01
Consumers Meters Install.	641.20
Line Transformers	1,566.04
Line Transformers Install.	165.63
Street Light Equipment	2,053.02
Total Depreciation Charged Off	$ 36,130.78

TOTAL COST OF PLANT

As of December 31, 1941

Cost of Land—Ash Street	$ 2,575.80
25 Haven Street	7,459.46
Cost of Structures—Ash Street	57,373.12
25 Haven Street	27,601.38
Generating Plant—Steam:	
Cost of Boiler Plant Equipment	69,696.71
Cost of Prime Movers and Auxiliaries	21,512.38
Cost of Turbo Generator Units	46,870.83
Cost of Electric Plant—Steam	83,090.61
Transmission, Distribution, and Storage:	
Cost of Trans. Sta. and Substa. Equipment	40,669.55
Cost of Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Cond.	492,213.14
Cost of Underground Conduits	111,845.35
Cost of Underground Conductors	101,829.30
Cost of Consumers' Meters	75,087.02
Cost of Consumers' Meter Installations	23,221.72
Cost of Line Transformers	54,261.35
Cost of Line Transformer Installations	5,646.06
Utilization Equipment:	
Cost of Street Lighting Equipment	53,183.41
Total Cost of Electric Plant	$1,274,137.19

COST OF DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IN OUTSIDE TOWNS

Lynnfield Center

Total Investment Dec. 31, 1941:	
Poles, Fixtures, and Overhead Conductors	$ 53,721.72
Consumers' Meters	8,919.61
Line Transformers	4,263.13
Street Lighting Equipment	2,204.52
Substation Equipment	1,051.46
Totals	$ 70,160.44

North Reading

Total Investment Dec. 31, 1941:	
Poles, Fixtures, and Overhead Conductors	$100,496.99
Consumers' Meters	15,900.32
Line Transformers	10,265.44
Street Lighting Equipment	3,907.65
Substation Equipment	2,069.19
Totals	$132,639.59

Wilmington

Total Investment Dec. 31, 1941:	
Poles, Fixtures, and Overhead Conductors	$146,434.39
Consumers' Meters	21,872.47
Line Transformers	11,055.72
Street Lighting Equipment	4,258.95
Substation Equipment	2,910.98
Totals	$186,522.51

KILOWATT HOURS PURCHASED, SOLD, USED, AND UNACCOUNTED FOR

Kilowatt Hours Purchased	12,185,003
Kilowatt Hours Sold:	
For Rresidence Service	6,308,844
For Commercial Service	1,666,126
For Primary Power	1,724,810

For Lighting Municipal Buildings	180,640
For Municipal Power—Primary	355,200
For Street Lighting	736,831
For Resale by Other Plants	44,401
Totals	11,016,852
Kilowatt Hours Used at Station, Garage and Office	95,023
Kilowatt Hours Used for Chrismas Illumination	4,429
Kilowatt Hours Unaccounted for	1,068,704
Totals	12,185,008
Per Cent Unaccounted for	8.77%

CLASSIFICATION OF CUSTOMERS

December 31, 1941

Residence Service	6108
Commercial Service	549
Primary Power—Wholesale	12
Municipal Service	51
Municipal Power—Primary	5
Co-operative Resale Service	24
Private Street Lights	19
Public Street Lights	3
Total 1941	6771
Total 1940	6511

VOUCHER REGISTER BALANCE

December 31, 1941

H. K. Abbott	$ 2.50
John A. Akeson Co.	8.04
Apex-Rotarex Corp.	5.17
J. Brinton Bailey	55.95
Wendell Bancroft & Co.	2.75
Henry S. Blethen	99.50
Boston & Maine R. R.	2.55
Boston Edison Co.	28,874.06
Milton L. Brandon	12.00

Brooks' Express	25.15
George H. Buckminster Co.	2,063.85
Burroughs Co.	19.75
Burroughs Adding Machine Co.	74.12
Butts & Ordway Co.	7.56
Central Electric Co.	4.00
Christian Science Pub. Soc.	58.41
Clapp & Leach, Inc.	150.44
Ralph Conti	21.13
Dayton Pump & Mfg. Co.	48.46
Decatur & Hopkins Co.	.97
Henry O. Doucette	10.98
Dyer-Clark Co.	1,825.23
Eagle Electric Supply Co.	439.00
Eastern Co.	5,128.86
Easy Washing Machine Co.	308.61
Electric Time Co., Inc.	157.77
Electromaster, Inc.	363.18
Eppinger & Russell Co.	1,210.50
Eureka Vacuum Cleaner Co.	29.68
F. Clifford Evans	12.28
T. C. Fife	15.70
Francis Bros., Inc.	15.02
Frigidaire Division	2.18
General Crushed Stone Co.	17.11
General Electric Co., Boston	4,423.83
General Electric Co., Conn.	1.86
General Electric Co., Mdse.	2,699.52
General Electric Supply Corp.	137.67
Good Housekeeping Shop	1.50
Grainger-Rush Co.	85.64
Graybar Electric Co., Inc.	1,219.73
Hazard Insulated Wire Works	**Cr.** 36.00
Helrich's Auto Body Co.	.70
Hygrade Sylvania Corp.	333.51
Insulation and Wires, Inc.	7.56
Laing Chevrolet Co.	3.29

Landers, Frary & Clark	9.80
Edward Lappin	149.38
Legasse Refrigeration Co., Inc.	3.24
Liberty Mutual Insurance Co.	508.83
Lincoln Oil Co.	317.94
A. J. Lindemann & Hoverson Co.	3.47
Malden Motor Parts Co.	95.83
A. E. Martell Co., Inc.	15.71
H. B. McArdle	1.35
McGraw Electric Co.	1.17
Merchants Credit Bureau, Inc.	1.07
Robert M. Merritt	3.60
Milhender-Afes Elec. Co.	403.40
H. J. Montgomery	3.50
L. E. Muran Co.	59.15
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.—Service	115.14
N. E. Tel. && Tel. Co.—Const.	1,430.35
North Wilmington Nurseries	11.90
Palmer Elec. & Mfg. Co.	368.00
Palmer-Severini & Co.	4.50
Phelps-Dodge Copper Prod. Corp.	Cr. 32.00
L. B. Philbrick Co.	7.78
Railway Express Agency, Inc.	2.13
Reading Chronicle	193.75
Reading Motor Co.	18.10
Reading Square Market	4.62
John A. Roebling's Sons Co.	299.86
Sager Elec. Supply Co.	5.51
J. F. Sanborn	37.50
Sangamo Electric Co.	13.86
Simplex Wire & Cable Co.	245.97
Fred F. Smith, Inc.	351.69
Spaulding-Moss Co.	14.57
United Motors Service, Inc.	2.44
W. R. VanHorn	10.56
Village Press	12.60
Geo. H. Wahn Co.	691.02

Geo. H. Wahn Co., Lamp account	116.85
Wanamaker & Feindel	9.75
Warren Bros. Roads Co.	274.40
Waverley Heating Supply Co.	2.87
Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. Co.	3.03
Wetmore-Savage Division	17.52
Edwin L. Wiegand Co.	17.30
Wilmington Mirror	9.60
Wm. S. Cavanaugh	8.00
General Cable Corp.	**Cr.** 4.00
Robeson-Royal Serv. Co.	1.54
Rome Cable Corp.	**Cr.** 24.00
Manning-Bowman & Co.	1.88
Snap-on Tools Corp.	8.95
J. W. Babine	30.00
Dockam's Express	.50
Sargent's Express	.35
Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co.	59.70
American Steel & Wire Co.	114.80
Dance Co., Inc.	8.35
Electric Storage Battery Co.	1.13
R. S. Hanks	14.00
Heath Tree Service, Inc.	273.00
Town Clerk, Lynnfield Centre	4.00
C. W. Pierce	1.60
Winifred Rice	22.25
Syd's Auto Supply Co.	1.90
Richard T. Webb	6.30
A. C. Gilbert Co.	70
Kay & Ess Co.	1.70
W. E. Johnson	1.50
Town of Reading	290.00
L. Ellenwood	121.71
	$ 56,674.84

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

A slight decrease in circulation during 1941 and a prospect of more pressure from economic conditions in 1942 appear to high-light the annual report of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library.

The Circulation Drops

It is evidently a sign of the times that circulation in the Library has dropped during 1941. This is a general situation throughout the country according to the most reliable surveys.

The American Library Association attributes the decrease to the public's preoccupation with the war and it further reports that the public's awareness and desire to be informed has resulted in sharp shifts in reading tastes.

The association's report points out that part of the decrease in circulation is attributable to increased employment and work hours; that although they are aware of the war, people are not reading novels with war background; that historical novels, particularly those with American background are popular, and that technical subjects are much in demand.

In general the local reading tastes parallel those reflected in the A.L.A.'s report, according to the library staff. As to circulation the figures are:

	1941	1940	Difference
Adult	77,468	80,642	minus 3,174
Juvenile	21,569	21,497	plus 72

So while the adult circulation has dropped off there has been a slight gain in the juvenile department. This department, of course, can be kept busy not only through the usual visits of the children to the Library but also by the work directly with the schools. The report of the Librarian can go further into this subject.

The drop in circulation does not represent a great decrease in work for the staff as might first appear. It is only an average of 10 books a day, whereas the number handled in the course of a day through 1941 was, on an average, about 250.

The Salary Question

The matter of salaries in all town departments is a pressing one this year. Various authorities on price indexes cite rising living costs

and it would appear that there will be further increase before there is an recession. Municipal employees, with their salaries pegged at given amounts for the year cannot look for any relief once the wage rate is set by acceptance of the budget at the annual town meeting in March.

Accordingly, any consideration given the subject must come at town meeting. It is not an easy matter for any board to recommend more expenditure if it means addition to the tax rate in time of war. But it is similarly hard to leave employees at the mercy of rising living costs and prospective high taxes that federal levies are going to bring.

The Library Trustees, however, feel a bit differently on this matter than some town boards might feel. For many years we have called to the attention of the Finance Committee, and the town itself, the fact that the library staff is underpaid. In asking for increases in salaries we do not feel that we are doing something that is in keeping with the current trend but rather that we are still trying to rectify a condition that should have been met years ago.

The present librarian, after 25 years of service is paid less than is paid to an elementary school teacher and the work is as great and the responsibility in general probably greater.

The children's librarian, a specialized type of work which is being very capably handled in the Reading Public Library, receives still less and her service goes back over 12 years. The assistant librarian (10 years' service) is in the same relative position.

It seems certain that any Reading citizen who had worked for a business firm over similar periods would expect to be farther along the remunerative path. Any man who employs any number of people should realize that trained and faithful employees are worth more than the Library's faithful personnel receive. Competent replacements would be impossible at the salaries now paid to our librarians.

Library work is specialized and it calls for training—either in school or in the field—in order to have workers capable of giving good library service. The Trustees are unanimous in the opinion that we have a capable staff; capable in every way to conduct the routine and special demands that come to the Library.

Our Library fills an important place in community life. As an adjunct to school study, an outlet for recreational reading, or a repository for facts for utilitarian reference, it meets wide requirements. During the coming year the general public, subjected to war strain and nerve effort, will find the services of the Public Library a welcome escape from the grim realities of the present.

New books are purchased frequently at even the slightest suggestion that there is a use for them and in the course of the year many

special requests of borrowers are met in addition to the purchases of books made entirely on the judgment of the library staff itself.

These words of recognition of the value of such service on the part of the librarians may be somewhat gratifying to them but that alone will not meet the bread-and-butter facts of life and the Trustees, realizing this, feel that they are within the bounds of long-standing economic justice when they urge that salaries be increased.

The Annual Appropriation

The trustees have pointed out before that the annual appropriation for the Reading Public Library is below the standard advocated by library authorities everywhere. It is generally felt that a minimum of one dollar per person in the community would be a fair amount for a Library budget.

The fact that the Finance Committee and the voters have not sought to keep up with that figure has not occasioned controversy. Your Library Board recognizes that there are other financial problems in other departments so that what we would like must be set aside for what we can afford. Last year's budget was $8,925.

In asking for the same amount this year the Trustees feel that they will be able to continue the library service on the same scale as before. There is planned a shift in the figures by raising the salary section and cutting down the maintenance.

Endowment Policy

The Library is a public service institution. Bequests to the Public Library in the form of trust funds constitute a splendid form of community service that is enduring. A neighboring community has a trust fund, the interest from which purchases more than 60 per cent of all books annually. Another community has a trust fund that provides for the entire magazine subscription list.

There are people in Reading who have been generous toward the Library. Their kindnesses during the past year are enumerated in the report of the librarian and the trustees wish to add their gratitude for all of these gifts and assistances.

Changes of Personnel

During the year Mrs. Phillip H. Tirrell found it necessary to resign from the Board of Trustees and the board wishes to record here its commendation for her faithful service. We feel equally gratified that the place has been filled by Mrs. Lewis E. Pierce.

Also during the year the assistant librarian, Mrs. Marjorie Hasel-

ton resigned from the staff to make her home in Worcester. She was a capable assistant and had proved valuable during her years of employment in the Library. The post has been capably filled by Mrs. Ruth Currier.

This year the terms of Mrs. Lewis Pierce and Mr. Louis M. Lyons regularly expire.

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WARREN L. FLETCHER
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LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

To the Trustees of the Reading Public Library:

During 1941 the Library has been a busy place; the discipline problem seems to have straightened itself out, and there is more time to devote to other things. The circulation shows a slight decrease, which is true of nearly all libraries at present. We are, as last year, having much demand for technical books; and, in addition, are buying many on National and Home Defense, as well as books on "What the Citizen should know about the Navy," and kindred subjects. We have the usual waiting list for best sellers, both fiction and non-fiction. Only the Western and Detective Story shelves are not so depleted as usual, though the new books of that type are as popular as ever.

In September the assistant, Marjorie Haselton, resigned and moved out of town, leaving a host of library friends. Ruth Currier, who had been a part time assistant for a number of years, has been made the regular assistant and the arrangement is proving most satisfactory. For reference work and detail work Jacqueline Turner has proved indispensable. Her mind is a storehouse of the classics and general information.

The card catalogue has been re-arranged. It is now in two sections; one contains the author and title cards; the other the subject cards. This is not yet completed but we are still working on it.

Two groups from the Reading Woman's Club, the Book Group,

and the Preservation of American Antiques Group have given us the following books:

Lee—Early New England Pressed Glass.
Brazier—Early American Decoration.
Notebook of Leonardo Da Vinci
Twenty Short Plays
Camehl—Blue China Book
Kent—Hooked Rugs
McKearin—American Glass

The Reading Society of Craftsmen has given us "Making Water-color Behave" by O'Hara.

We wish to thank the Garden and Conservation Group for their exhibits, especially those for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

We are very grateful to the Beebe Library of Wakefield, also the Stoneham and other Libraries for books borrowed under the Inter-Library loan. We have also been able to loan some of our books to them.

The following is the Report of the Librarian of the Children's Room, Miss Rebecca Turner:

The Children's room has had a busy, successful year. The circulation had a small increase, in spite of the general trend in most Libraries toward lower circulation.

In the spring and fall we made several trips to one school, taking books for the children to borrow, with satisfactory results.

The exhibitions in the show case, during the first half of the year, were borrowed from the Children's Museum in Jamaica Plain. These exhibits were loaned free, for two-week periods. During the summer some of the children had exhibits of their own hobbies. Late in the fall, several rooms of doll-house furniture, in the style of the 18th century, were arranged for us. These interested and pleased children of all ages.

The story hour was held once a week during the summer, with an average attendance of twenty-two.

A second-hand bookcase, with glass doors, was purchased in the fall, and stained. The "special collection" books are kept in this. If any child wishes to look at or read these books he may do so by asking at the desk and showing that his hands are clean. He will then be given the key. We hope to keep these books in better condition in the closed case.

Book Week was the climax of the year. Over one hundred new books were on exhibition for the week. Several classes from the different schools visited the Library each day, some in the morning, oth-

ers in the afternoon. To each class a short talk was given, regarding the proper use of library books, and conduct in the Library, a story was told, and then a chance was given to the children to learn to use file, and to look over the new books. The room was decorated with bright-colored book-jackets and pictures. A collection of old children's books was loaned for the case, some were over a hundred years old.

During this week, book-jackets and pictures were loaned to the schools.

Booklists have been prepared on some of the more popular subjects in the hope that they will assist the children to find, for themselves, the books they like.

A new system of fines was presented to the children in the fall and they seem to be more careful to return their books promptly.

At Christmas time a Della Robbia wreath, donated by the Arts and Crafts Society and prepared by Mrs. Sheldon, was hung in the Library. The children enjoyed trimming the tree. The room was bright with pictures, a winter bouquet, and window scenes.

A very beautiful set of eight stained glass plaques representing scenes from children's books was made and presented to the Library by Mrs. Catherine Clark. These were on exhibition in the adult room for several weeks, but before Christmas they were hung in the Children's room where they are to remain.

In closing, we want to thank the trustees for their co-operation and interest.

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE J. ABBOTT, Librarian

LIBRARY STATISTICS

Appropriation

Salaries	$ 5,550.00
Maintenance	3,475.00
Special Appropriation-sale of Secretary	25.00

Expended

Salaries: Librarian, Assistants, Janitor	$ 5,481.72
Fuel, Light, Water, Sewer	329.16
Books, Periodicals and Binding	2,383.56

Printing and Supplies			549.22
Maintenance and Repairs			172.72
Miscellaneous			51.88
			$ 8,968.26
Balance unexpended and returned to revenue:			
On Salaries			$ 68.28
On Maintenance			13.46
			$ 9,050.00

Receipts

Fines Collected			$ 591.84
Three Fees from Out of Town Borrowers			6.00
			$ 597.84
Paid to Town Treasurer			$ 597.84
Balance, Dec. 31, 1941			00.00

Statistics, 1941

Volumes in Library, Dec. 31, 1941			23,629
Volumes boughts:			
Adult fiction	684		
Adult non-fiction	488		
		1,172	
Juvenile fiction	311		
Juvenile non-fiction	131		
		442	
Reference Books		7	
Received by Gift		114	
			1,735
Total			25,364
Withdrawn during year			655
Total number of volumes, Dec. 31, 1941			24,709
Circulation for home use, adult		77,468	
Circulation for home use, juvenile		21,569	
Total circulation in 1941			99,037
Total circulation in 1940			102,139
Loss in 1941			3,102

New borrowers registered, adult	396	
New borrowers registered, juvenile	226	
Total new borrowers		622
Number of days library was open		299
Average daily circulation, adult	259.1	
Average daily circulation, juvenile	72.1	
Borrowed from other libraries	30	
Loaned to other libraries	20	

Form of Bequest

I hereby give and bequeath to the Town of Reading the sum of ..... to have and to hold, the income only of which shall be used for .....

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for the Reading Public Library.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

For the Year 1941

To the Citizens of the Town of Reading:

The Cemetery Trustees submit their annual report as follows:

The Board organized for the year by electing Clarence C. White as Chairman and Fred L. Nutter as Secretary. William P. Pierpont was re-appointed Superintendent.

The appropriations for the year were $8,900.00 for maintenance of Laurel Hill Cemetery and $1,200.00 for Forest Glen Cemetery. $1,250.00 was transferred from the Cemetery Reserve Fund to assist in carrying on the work of the Department.

The maintenance of Laurel Hill Cemetery and the maintenance and development of Forest Glen Cemetery have been supervised carefully by the Trustees, with a view to keeping within these appropriations.

The report of Superintendent Pierpont, approved by the Trustees and appended hereto, covers very fully the work carried on during the year. The Trustees feel that the excellent condition of both Cemeteries reflect the efficient managment of the Superintendent and the loyalty and faithfulness of his assistants.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE C. WHITE, Chm.
FRED L. NUTTER, Sec.
HARRY C. BARR,
HAROLD F. DAVIS,
FRANK LEE EDGERLEY,
W. FLETCHER TWOMBLY,
Board of Cemetery Trustees.

LAUREL HILL AND FOREST GLEN CEMETERIES

Report For 1941

To the Board of Cemetery Trustees,
Town of Reading, Mass.
Gentlemen:

I have the honor to present herewith my annual report ending December 31, 1941.

In addition to the general maintenance and upkeep of the ceme-

teries, several avenues were resurfaced in Laurel Hill this season. Locust, Highland, Winding, Willow and a part of Laurel Avenues had a penetration of asphalt with a covering of pea stone. Cross, Pine, Circle, Oak and Bow Avenues and the yard at the shop had a coat of tarvia with a sand cover. This should insure their preservation for a number of years.

This season being the driest for many years, it was necessary to keep a man watering throughout the summer. The section north of Willow Avenue was infested with grubs and skunks that completely destroyed the turf, which had to be dug over and sprayed with arsenic of lead. Many perpetual care lots had to be reconditioned. This year we were unable to obtain any help from the Welfare Department to care for the Old Cemetery and old lots, so this extra work was done by the Cemetery Department.

There were seventy-two interments and one reinterment in Laurel Hill during the year, sixty-five sunken graves were repaired and thirty-six winter graves graded and seeded in the spring. Thirty-four lots were reloamed and seeded, four two grave lots dug over and ledge removed on the land purchased from the Clapp Estate and fifteen monument and twenty marker foundations built. All the remaining paths in the Cemetery were filled in with loam and seeded.

The iron gates, urns and annual care signs were painted. Perpetual care lots and Town Plots were fertilized, hedges and shrubs watered and kept trimmed, trees pruned and all dead wood removed. Catch basins were cleaned out in the spring and fall, stepping stones trimmed and leaves raked and cleaned up in the fall. We were fortunate in having the leaves teamed away gratis. All the avenues were kept open during the winter.

Four lots and one single grave were sold and three graves were used by the Welfare Department in Laurel Hill this year. Ten old lots were placed under perpetual care and one lot had an additional amount added. Each year the list of lots under annual care has been reduced, as more lots have been endowed and placed in perpetual care. While it is always possible in this department to make improvements, it is not my intention to recommend any this next year in Laurel Hill.

During the year, very little progress has been made by the W. P. A. in Forest Glen Cemetery. Work on the project started January 22nd with only a few men. The Pearl Street wall, started in 1940, was completed and should be capped with three-inch North River Bluestone, to correspond with the wall previously built bordering the Cemetery on Pearl Street and Forest Glen Road. Two hundred and sixty feet of wall at the southern boundary has been built over the two-year period.

The section between the Cemetery House and the lower entrance has been graded, loamed and seeded. Several loads of gravel were

hauled to the roadbeds and considerable ledge removed. August 12th, all work was discontinued and the men were transferred to a Town drainage project. There is still more land to dig over, avenues to build, water pipe to extend, catch basins to build and approximately six hundred and fifty feet of wall at the south and west boundaries to build. It is hoped that this work will start early next year and continue until the project is completed.

On account of the scarcity of Welfare labor, the Board of Public Works was unable to beautify the plot of land at the intersection of Pearl Street and Forest Glen Road. It is assumed this work will be carried out in the near future.

Four new beds were laid out, evergreens, flowering crabs of different varieties and shrubs were planted to embellish Forest Glen Cemetery. Seven lots and two single graves were sold, and one grave was used by the Welfare Department. One monument and five marker foundations were built. Two hundred and fifty cement numbers were made and placed on lots. There were twelve interments and four reinterments this year. One hundred and thirty-two graves were laid out and numbered in the Veteran Plot, six Veterans were interred and four Government markers were placed.

This covers in detail the work in Laurel Hill and Forest Glen Cemeteries this year. The compressor purchased this season has given wonderful service removing ledge and frost from winter graves. I recommend painting the house and setting out several Schwedler maple trees in Forest Glen Cemetery next year.

The financial statement will appear in the report of the Town Accountant.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM P. PIERPONT,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE CUSTODIAN OF SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' GRAVES

Reading, Massachusetts,
January 1, 1942.

I herewith submit my report as Custodian of Soldiers and Sailors Graves for the year ending December 31, 1941.

There were three lots and five graves repaired in Laurel Hill Cemetery during 1941.

Appropriation		$ 600.00
Pay Roll	$ 426.00	
Repairs on Veterans Lots and Graves in Laurel Hill Cemetery	89.00	

Care and maintenance of Veteran Plot in Forest Glen Cemetery	85.00	
	$ 600.00	$ 600.00

The following Veterans have passed away during the year 1941:

Civil War

Lot No. 216, Laurel Hill Cemetery, Harland P. Pratt, 94 years, died Jan. 8, 1941, buried Jan. 11, 1941.

World War

Lot No. 1242, Laurel Hill Cemetery, Edward H. Stanley, 44 years, died March 2, 1941, buried March 4, 1941.

Veteran Plot, Forest Glen Cemetery, Harry F. Parks, 48 years, died May 15, 1941, buried May 17, 1941.

Lot No. 1194, Laurel Hill Cemetery, Ernest L. Thornquist, 52 years, died May 17, 1941, buried May 21, 1941.

Veteran Plot, Forest Glen Cemetery, Irving M. McCaughey, 41 years, died Oct. 31, 1941, buried Nov. 2, 1941.

Lot No. 160, Forest Glen Cemetery, Gardner A. Perry, 46 years, died Nov. 21, 1941, buried Nov. 23, 1941.

Lot No. 365, Laurel Hill Cemetery, Francis Johnson, 52 years, died Nov. 22, 1941, buried Nov. 24, 1941.

Yours very truly,

HARRY A. TURNER,

Custodian of Soldiers and Sailors Graves,
Town of Reading.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD
for 1941

To the Town of Reading:

The Board organized with A. Lloyd David, chairman and Sherburne J. Watts as secretary. Weekly meetings have been held at the Municipal Building throughout the year.

The Board has been represented at all public meetings of the Board of Appeal.

We have maintained contacts with the State Planning Board, State Board of Public Works and our local State Senator and Representative relative to extension of Route 128 (Circumferencial Highway) and other matters that might affect the Town interests in relation to the physical planning changes.

Mr. David and Mr. White have addressed several meetings of local organizations on the subject of need for revision of zoning of the town.

Mr. White and Mr. Watts were elected to represent the Board on the special Committee of fifteen to study development of real estate.

Mr. White represented the Board on the Special Drainage Committee.

Mr. David is at present Chairman of Planning and Technical Division of Civilian Defense.

The Board has co-operated with the Sub-committee on Zoning and has prepared a revised edition of the amendments to the Zoning By-Law, which will be ready for the Annual Town Meeting.

During the summer the Board had the maps of the Town revised, incorporating all changes that had been made since the last revisions in 1939. When Civilian Defense organizations were created the Board was able to furnish maps to these organizations which we believe were of great assistance to them. It was gratifying to the Board to be in a position to do this and we feel that it was very fortunate that the Town has been willing to furnish the funds which made this work possible.

Respectfully submitted by the Planning Board,

SHERBURNE J. WATTS,

Secretary.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES

January 31, 1942

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my 5th annual report as Inspector of Wires for the Town of Reading for the term ending December 31, 1941.

During the past year I have made 630 inspections and have issued 490 permits to perform work in the town which are classified as follows:

Oil burners, 117; repairs, additions, etc., 111; new houses wiring, 132; ranges, 71; water heaters, 7; motors (all kinds) 21; filling stations, 1; stokers, 7; additional tenements, 5; heat regulators, 1; signs, 4; old houses wired, 1; battery chargers, 1; new stores, 1; church organs, 1; electric generators, 1; gas pumps, 3; total permits issued, 490; re-inspection, 140. Total inspections for year, 630.

And have compiled the complaints, etc., as follows: electrical fires, 2; wiring condemned, 3; warnings of violations of code, 2; wiring with no permit, 6; wiring with no license, 6; notices to State Examiners, 3.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen for their co-operation throughout the year, and, any and all others who assisted in the proper administration of this office during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT C. MAXWELL.

REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL

To the Honorable, the Law Committee of the Town of Reading:

I submit herewith, my report as Town Counsel for the year ending December 31, 1941.

The services which I have rendered during the year just passed have been numerous and varied and include among other matters, the disposal by trial of important court litigation in which the Town was involved. The case pending in the Fourth District Court of Eastern Middlesex relating to the removal proceedings of a police officer under the classified civil service law was tried before the court and a favorable decision was rendered sustaining the action of the Selectmen in ordering the removal of the officer. There was also pending at the beginning of the year, a petition for writ of mandamus in the Middlesex Superior Court brought by the same officer, seeking an order requiring the Selectmen to approve his application for pension under Chapter 32, Section 85, of the General Laws. After certain preliminary hearings the court referred the mandamus petition to an Auditor, to hear the parties and report his findings to the court. After trial, consuming several days, the Auditor filed a report in which he concluded that the Selectmen were justified in determining that the police officer was not entitled to a pension and that the decision rendered by them was made honestly and in good faith. Upon the final hearing before the court after the Auditor's report, the Judge ordered judgment for the Selectmen by dismissing the petition for writ of mandamus. Formal charges were preferred against another police officer under the classified civil service law and after hearing as required by law, the Board of Selectmen ordered his removal from the Police Department. This officer commenced proceedings in the Fourth District Court of Eastern Middlesex for review by the court of the case heard by the Selectmen, and after trial the court found that the action of the Selectmen in removing the police officer was fully justified.

Four cases resulting from an accident which occurred on Grove Street, in January, 1939, in which a truck skidded on the icy roadway, throwing the passengers over a stone wall, seriously injuring them, were disposed of by trial before a jury in the Middlesex Superior Court, wherein the jury returned verdicts for the Town, thereby absolving the municipality from any liability resulting from this accident.

I have been active in securing legislation amending the Act relating to the drainage of the low lands adjacent to Lake Quannapowitt, and in connection with the construction for the Town of the drainage system by the Commonwealth. The matter of the taking of land

by right of eminent domain has required my attention, and I have supervised the preparation of the form of agreement for damages, orders of taking, grants of easement, and co-operated with and had many conferences with the Assistant Attorney General and the State Engineer relative to the acquisition of titles to the land affected by the takings and the payment of land damages therefor.

After complaints were made by a group of citizens to the Board of Selectmen, and as a result of action taken in the District Court at Woburn, and acting under instructions from the Board, I caused a feeble minded boy to be committed through the Middlesex Probate Court to the Walter E. Fernald State School.

The pending suits against the Town brought by the City of Boston and the City of Somerville to recover for welfare aid furnished individuals having legal settlements in the Town, were disposed of by settlement, during the year, and the final record thereof has been entered in court.

The contract and specifications for the removal of garbage were drafted for the Board of Health and the furnishing of the contractor's performance bond and the execution of the contract and bond were supervised by me. Articles and motions for the annual and special town meetings on other than routine matters, were drafted for Town Departments. Numerous opinions have been rendered the several boards and officers of the Town on municipal subjects, release deeds covering parcels of land sold by the Selectmen and acquired by the Town by foreclosure of tax liens in the Land Court, were drafted. Pleadings in litigation brought against the Town were prepared and filed in court. Complaints relative to vicious dogs were drafted under my supervision and an order for restraining of all dogs was prepared for the Selectmen. After the adoption of by-laws relating to the construction of buildings, the same were submitted for approval by the Attorney General as required by law. Violations of the Zoning By-Law were referred to me for consideration and action.

A complaint was filed against a registered pharmacist for alleged violation of the law relating to the sale of alcohol under a Certificate of Fitness. Hearing was held before the Board of Selectmen and the Board ordered the Certificate of Fitness revoked. Appeal was taken before the State Board of Registration in Pharmacy, and after hearing, the State Board confirmed the decision of the Board of Selectmen in revoking such certificate.

After preliminary action taken in accordance with my established policy relative to tax titles, I collected the sum of $3,583.31 of overdue taxes, thereby eliminating the necessity of foreclosing such tax liens in the Land Court. Several tax title foreclosure proceedings which were commenced during the previous year were completed during the

current year and final decrees were obtained thereon. Foreclosure proceedings relating to eight tax titles were commenced in the Land Court, two of which cases have been prosecuted to final conclusion and decrees have been issued thereon and the remaining cases will be disposed of in the near future. Nine parcels were sold under the Statute of Low Value, and seven of these parcels were purchased at the sale, thereby placing these properties in the classification of contributing toward the tax revenue of the Town.

Several opinions were rendered concerning welfare matters and especially relating to old age assistance cases involving proceedings pending in the Middlesex Probate Court.

Forty appeals pending at the beginning of the year before the Appellate Tax Board, relating to the valuation of real estate, have all been disposed of either by trial or settlement. I am glad to report that there are no appeals against the Board of Assessors now pending before the Appellate Tax Board.

Matters of a routine nature of the Board of Public Works relating to the laying out of streets, orders of taking, easements for drainage and water mains, and waivers of claim for damages, have been referred for my attention and advice. Opinions have been rendered concerning various Public Works activities. A claim for damages resulting from the relocation of streets and the taking of land therefor, has been satisfactorily adjusted, and the necessary releases have been obtained for the protection of the Town.

Legal questions involving the operation of public schools have been passed upon and advice given. Services were rendered in connection with a gift of a sum of money to the School Department for the purchase of books for the High School Library.

The matter of the sale through the Municipal Light Department of the premises at Haven, High and Green Streets, as voted by the Town, has been given attention. The deed was prepared and petition and plan for sub-division filed in the Land Court and the matter of passing papers, securing the purchase price and concluding the transaction, came under my supervision. Miscellaneous claims have been submitted by the Department for collection. Suits have been commenced and action taken to recover possession of electrical equipment and appliances sold under conditional contracts of sale. Services have been performed in preparation of the contract for the addition to the Municipal Light Garage and Store Room; securing the performance bond and the execution of the contract and other necessary documents.

During the current year one suit for consequential damages has been commenced against the Town. This case is a companion case to a suit already pending involving alleged claim for damages as a result of an accident on the highway. There are still pending in the courts

against the Town, seven suits, nine cases having been disposed of in court during the current year. Several claims of various nature have been made against the Town, liability has been denied by the municipality but none of these claims have been made the subject matter of suit.

As provided by the by-laws of the Town, I have prosecuted all suits ordered to be brought in behalf of the Town and defended all suits brought against the Town, have drafted all contracts, bonds, deeds and other legal instruments, have attended all hearings involving municipal affairs, have rendered opinions to all departments and committees upon any subject concerning municipal matters and have performed every professional act required by me in the performance of the duties of my office.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL H. DAVIS,
Town Counsel.

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

January 31, 1942

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent for the year 1941.

The Tree Department planted two hundred and twenty-five trees on the roadside. For the past four months the men have worked removing dead wood and trimming trees adjacent to the electric wires. The Electric Light Department has paid the expense of this work.

The gypsy moth infestation is very bad in the woodland in the northern part of the town; this requires a lot of woodland spraying in order to keep them from spreading into the residential section. The elm leaf beetles are very bad in the neighboring towns. This causes new infestations each year, requiring a great deal of late spraying. We need a larger spraying machine for this elm beetle spraying.

Respectfully yours,

MAURICE H. DONEGAN,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF SPONSOR'S AGENT

February 2, 1942

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Reading, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the annual report of your Sponsor's Agent for the year 1941. During the year seventeen Federal projects were in operation, employing an average of 138 people. This is the lowest average since 1937, and is due to improved business conditions, defense work and the selective draft.

A brief description of projects operated during the past year follows. An itemized account of expenditures of funds for materials and equipment will be found in another part of the Town Report.

Underground Conduit

This project continued through 1941. A total of approximately 30,000 lineal feet of underground duct were installed on High, Lowell, Hartshorn and Vine Streets; 5 manholes were built, and 14,100 square feet of sidewalks resurfaced. Work will be completed in 1942.

Forest Glen Cemetery

Work on the further development of Forest Glen Cemetery continued during the spring and summer of 1941. Work was temporarily suspended on August 12, 1941 as men were transferred to the Quannapowitt Drainage project.

During the period that the project was in operation, April 23rd to August 12th, an area containing 18,280 square feet was graded, loamed, and seeded. A boundary stonewall, 410 feet in length and containing 218 cubic yards of field stones was constructed. This project will be reopened as soon as weather permits in the spring.

Rip-Rap Open Ditches

The drainage ditch running through Memorial Park was widened, graded and a retaining wall constructed along the banks. New head walls were also constructed on existing culverts.

Charles Street Widening

Work on the widening of Charles Street continued until August 12, 1941, when men were transferred to the Quannapowitt Drainage. Work was completed by the Public Works Department. Work done included the construction of three culverts, removal of trees and ledge, removal and resetting of balance walls, widening of roadway and gravel surfacing.

Quannapowitt Drainage

This project was started on August 13, 1941 and will continue through 1942. When completed, this project will drain an area equal to 2.778 square miles or 1777.92 acres. Work consists of the construction of four reinforced concrete culverts, averaging 60 feet each in length; the construction of three bridges with reinforced concrete footings and abutments; the construction of a dike extending from John Street to Ash Street, a distance of 1960 feet, also a dike 350 feet in length, with stop planks at a point 1000 feet east of Main Street and 400 feet north of Summer Avenue, where drainage system starts. Ditch to be excavated is 15,800 feet in length, varying in depth and width, and will require the excavation of approximately 50,000 cubic yards of material. At the present time the project employs 150 men.

Tree Surgery

Trees along 20 miles of the town's highways were trimmed and cleared of dead branches, trees bolted where necessary, cavities filled and unsafe trees removed.

Housekeeping Aides Project

During 1941, the Housekeeping Aides Project furnished assistance to 243 families. Any family in the lower income group is entitled to this service upon recommendation in writing, of a doctor, visiting nurse, Welfare Office, Old Age Assistance Office, Soldiers' Relief Agent, or any charitable organization. The purpose of this project is to furnish free home assistance in housework and care of children in the homes of the needy, where the homemaker is totally or partially incapacitated because of ill health or confinement, or in case of some temporary emergency which makes this assistance necessary.

Moth Project

Work under this project consisted of creosoting egg masses, and nest of gypsy moths, cutting browntail webs and destroying tent caterpillar webs and eggs. Approximately 1000 acres of woodland were treated.

Stone Bounds and Street Acceptances Project

This project, continued from 1940, will be completed in the spring of 1942. The work consists of:

1. A composite sectional map of the town, showing all accepted streets, and includes records and locations of edgestones, types of sidewalks and surface materials.
2. A card record of locations of street monuments showing ties to nearest permanent points, with adequate sketches.
3. A book and card record of all street layout descriptions as taken from Town Meeting records.

These records and plans are to be kept on file in the office of the Board of Public Works and will be very useful in future systematic town planning of highway extensions.

Furniture, Toy and Shoe Repair Project

Furniture, toys and shoes donated by townspeople were repaired and renovated under this project, and distributed through the Welfare Department to needy citizens. Due to quota reductions, this project was suspended on June 16, 1941.

Town Vault Records

This project was completed on March 20, 1941. The work consisted of cleaning, indexing, summarizing and filing books, records, reports, plans and other data relating to the administration of town affairs. Books and records were restored to their proper agencies, records which were no longer useful were destroyed, and useful material salvaged, sorted and indexed. An index was prepared of materials remaining in vaults as well as a summary of materials that were discarded.

School Lunch Project

A School Lunch Project, whereby hot lunches were served to children, was operated at the Highland School from May 26th to June 20th. During this period 1800 meals were served. Due to lack of space in the school building, the project was not reopened in September.

Fire Records

This project was completed on June 27, 1941. Fire Department records were transcribed, tabulated and summarized. An index system covering permits for storage of inflammables was installed and a spot map drawn showing locations of all fires occurring from 1920 to 1940.

Compensation Division

The following report covers injuries sustained by Reading W. P. A. workers for the period January 1, 1941 to December 31, 1941.

1. Injuries of a minor nature not requiring medical attention of a physician — 35 cases.
2. Injured and requiring medical attention of a physician—31 cases.
3. Injured and requiring medical attention, also losing time from work with compensation — 6 cases.

Total number of accidents — 72.

Total Federal Payroll from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1941	$ 89,438.26
Value of Food Commodities	20,296.52
Value of Clothes	8,077.50
Total	$117,812.28

Annual Report of the Reading W. P. A. Recreation Project — 1941

January 26, 1942

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Reading, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report as W. P. A. recreation supervisor for the year 1941. With the continuing aid of the Federal Works Agency, Work Projects Administration, Reading has had leaders and supervision for public recreation.

This project has been in operation since 1934 and has had an ever increasing program. There have been many changes during 1941. The recreation personnel has been drastically reduced due to quota reductions, the 18-months employment law, and the draft.

Adult Program

Winter and Spring—

The citizens of Reading, realizing the value of leisure-time hobbies, have supported the program in a satisfactory manner. The physical activities offered were: basketball, badminton, volley ball and gymnastics. These activities were carried on at the High School gymnasium until February when they were transferred to the Recreation Center. Art classes, metalcraft, drama, community singing, special events, photography, card and table games made up the balance of the program.

Summer —

Birch Meadow and the Washington Street Park were used extensively by adults for softball, tennis, and baseball. In other years, Memorial Park was the best attended playground, but due to vandalism, this playground was closed in May and not opened until late in the season. There were few leaders assigned to this area and only out-door activities operated.

Fall and Winter —

This season opened in September with only three W. P. A. leaders on the recreation staff. Needless to say, the program had to be curtailed. Rather than cutting the number of activities, the number of classes per week was decreased. During these months the Recreation Center offered the following program: metalcraft, art classes, photography, gymnastics, ping pong, badminton, special events, and defense activities, which will be covered under Defense.

Special Events —

The main special events of the Adult Program were the exhibits which are held annually. These include metalcraft, leathercraft, photography, and pastels.

The photographic display was a new undertaking for the recreation project. Pictures taken by members of the class which was conducted once each week, were enlarged and mounted as they could be displayed

to better advantage. Special lighting was made possible by equipment loaned by the Municipal Light Department. This event was held in April.

The metalcraft and leathercraft exhibition held in May drew not only local visitors but also many people from nearby towns and cities. The fame of these groups is well known throughout this area. The art class decorated the rooms with pastel murals which added to the beauty of the scene.

65 well drawn pastels were exhibited at the Recreation Center in September. All pastels were mounted and arranged by Louis Babine, art director. The comments received were very favorable.

In October, arrangements were made with the M. M. Ross Gallery, 32 Huntington Avenue, Boston and the pastels were again on display. During the three weeks of the exhibit, over 2000 saw this work. Thus the work of the participants of the Reading W. P. A. recreation project has been brought to the public.

Defense Program —

Early in June, in co-operation with the Reading Defense Committee, classes in First Aid, Women's Defense Corps, and Drill were held at the Recreation Center. Due to the large enrollment in Women's Defense Corps and Drill, it was advisable to transfer the groups to the Junior High School. In the fall, there were more First Aid classes organized. Standard, advanced and instructors' courses were held. These were attended by men and women alike. In December, the permanent Air Raid Warden Control Center was housed in the Recreation Center. This meant a further curtailment in the physical activities offered to the children and adults.

Children's Program

Winter and Spring —

Through the Reading School Committee, facilities in the High School gymnasium were made available for basketball for boys. The Game Rooms with equipment for pingpong, miniature pool, card and table games, badminton, and games for little people were in daily use.

Instruction in art, painting, drawing, sewing, knitting, and woodcraft was offered daily.

Summer —

The playgrounds were opened in June and closed in September. Baseball League for Junior boys was organized with regular scheduled games. From this League an All-Star team was selected for out-of-town games. Tennis matches were played with Winchester and Stoneham. In pleasant weather, games suitable for playgrounds were available to all. The swings and wading pools were heavily patronized by boys and girls of all ages.

Fall and Winter —

With the closing of the playground season, all activities were operated in the Recreation Center. Crafts, art, games of all types, dancing, singing, and reading were much appreciated by the children.

Special Events —

One day each week was designed as Special Event Day. Pet Shows, Field Days, Big League Baseball Game, Baseball Field Day, League Play-offs, and annual tourneys comprised the special events. While all participants were children, parents and friends greatly enjoyed the events.

Annual Participation Chart

It must be remembered that the W. P. A. recreation program operates on a year-round basis with groups meeting morning, afternoon, and evening. With this fact in mind, the annual participation figures do not seem excessive.

Activities	Under 20 Years		Over 20 Years		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Badminton	2915	1708	470	174	5267
Baseball	3080	164	529		3773
Basketball	285		243		528
Gym class				372	372
Ping pong, pool	9578	4755	1590	192	16115
Softball	543	142	1716		2401
Tennis	2389	1664	1663	1030	6746
Swings	4136	4253			8389
Wading pools	3617	3323			6940
Volley ball			77		77
Playground games	1562	730			2292
Card and table games	4231	1779	1874		7898
Craft classes	3376	5605	597	3714	13292
Art class	1927	1680	535	1419	5561
Photography	126	77	475	378	1056
Drama	60	66	201	217	544
Community singing	704	835	95	103	1737
Dancing, folk, social	649	885		44	1578
Reading	422	166			588
First Aid			431	1774	2205
Air Warden training			294		294
Special Events	1652	621	544	1834	4651
Spectators	9093		12745		21838
Grand Totals	41252	28453	11334	11251	92290

Acknowledgements —

Many thanks are given to the following who have aided with finances, materials, moral support, and personal assistance: The Federal Works Agency, Work Projects Administration, The Board of Selectmen, The Board of Public Works, The Sponsor's Agent and his office staff, The Superintendent of Public Works, The Park Playground Leaders, The Reading School Department, The Reading Municipal Light Department, The Town Accountant, The Reading Chronicle, and The M. M. Ross Gallery, Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

EVELIE L. IRVING,
Reading W. P. A. Recreation Supervisor.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen for their co-operation and advice, also other Town Boards who have at all times been co-operative and helpful.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR MICHELINI,
Sponsor's Agent.

REPORT OF SOLDIERS' RELIEF AGENT

January 30, 1942

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Reading, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

Your Soldiers' Relief Agent respectfully submits his annual report for the year 1941.

We have aided 27 family cases and 13 single cases, with a total of 100 persons; this compared with the last few years, shows a considerable decrease in relief. While the natural trend would show an increase, the great improvement in business has offset the ageing of the veteran and the cost of relief has been lowered.

The uncertainty of the future, owing to the war our country is engaged in, and the probable extension of Soldiers' Relief to a new class, makes any prediction of what the coming year will be, impossible.

Very truly yours,

CHARLES W. H. SMITH,
Soldiers' Relief Agent.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

In accordance with the custom from time immemorial, the Welfare Board herewith submits its report to the town for the year 1941.

The method of carrying on the business in 1941 has been in marked contrast to the usual procedure in recent years. The Board has concerned itself chiefly with matters of organization, administration and policy, keeping a sharp eye on the financial side of the picture as a whole, leaving the daily routine of receiving applicants and handling their individual social problems, to the agent and his corps of social workers. This plan has justified itself in operation, as evidenced in lowered costs of conducting the work and an amazing improvement in the morale and efficiency of the office personnel.

For further information as to the details of the financial results and a discussion of the various problems already faced, with others still before us, we refer you to the Town Accountant's figures and the report of the Welfare Agent, appended hereto.

JOSEPH D. KNIGHT, Chairman
MILES C. HIGGINS, Secretary
CHARLES E. WILKINSON
Board of Public Welfare.

REPORT OF THE WELFARE AGENT

To the Board of Public Welfare:

The following report for the year 1941 is submitted:

The outstanding developments for the past year have been the substantial reduction in General Aid expenditure and the completion of the organization of the Civil Service Merit System involving all public welfare administrative employees engaged in the supervision of public assistance, the social case work, and the clerical work required by law in connection therewith.

The detailed accounts of appropriations, transfers, refunds, and federal grants, together with classified expenditures in all welfare accounts, has been furnished to the Town Accountant and these schedules appear as usual in his yearly report of receipts and expenditures.

General Aid

In this category so great a reduction in expenditure was made during 1941 that it seems advisable to indicate what we believe to be the salient causes. In the first place, the trend of employment started sharply upward in April. This situation was country-wide and is reflected in the General Aid expenditures of all Massachusetts cities and towns whose figures have come to our notice. Reading, however, was better prepared to capitalize on conditions than many other municipalities. What we really did about it was pioneer work so far as we can learn. As the Board is aware, it was proposed at the first of the year to employ a person who should give his entire time to the task of bringing employable people on relief into profitable contact with prospective employers. The Finance Committee, whose sub-committee had just completed an intensive study of welfare conditions, was wholly in accord and approved an additional appropriation for this purpose. There was little comparable precedent for this work and no system already in operation by other towns was available which could be copied or modified to meet our requirements. However, this employment research employee, with the assistance of comprehensive case records already in hand and with the further great benefit of the considerable knowledge of the personal characteristics and capabilities of many of those unemployed which had been acquired by the visitors, succeeded in placing a material number of people in jobs. Some of these jobs were of a seasonal nature and many of them were matters of only a few days work at a time. In other instances persons for whom suitable employment was found have since remained continuously off relief. This job-finding effort was not limited strictly to persons actually receiving welfare aid. It was extended to include Soldiers' Relief, W. P. A. employees, and to those known to be potential welfare cases even though they were not actually on relief at the time attention was given to them. In 1941 the entire expense of this activity, some $1,200.00, was carried by the General Aid Administrative account because the idea originated in that department. In the future some thought might be given to the allocation of some of this relatively small cost to other town departments, Soldiers' Relief, W. P. A., etc., in proportion to the benefits they receive from it. Beyond question this employment research effort accounted for a substantial portion of the decrease in General Aid expenditure. Continuance of this labor-placing work, which now has the advantage of a year's experience, is strongly recommended.

The placing of administrative responsibility directly upon the office personnel, under a unanimous ruling of the Board in January, was a second advantage because each employee's duties could be clearly defined, more especially in actual case work operation, thus bringing

into effect a single-minded attention to each problem. This avoided duplication of contact with recipients and eliminated all possibility of working at cross purposes in the determination of the need for relief, both of which processes are confusing to the person seeking aid. It further promotes efficiency in setting up provision for necessary relief without waste.

The General Aid case load as of record for 1941 was 189 cases as against 252 cases during 1940. The only cases recorded are those on which expenditure has been made. The number of those who apply but for whom no expenditure is incurred represents the ability of a qualified social worker to show an applicant that his own resources, properly applied, will take care of him, or that his difficulty can be met in a manner involving no expenditure from welfare funds. In many instances the social worker uses more energy and ingenuity in keeping someone off the relief rolls—which is the best thing for the applicant where possible—than in arranging for budgetary requirements where assistance is mandatory.

Aid to Dependent Children

This type of assistance was put into its present form in 1937, at which time federal participation in the cost began. Previously, since 1913, in fact, this form of help was classified as "Aid to Mothers with Dependent Children," commonly referred to as "Mothers' Aid," and applied only to those instances where the mother was actually present in the home and in charge of her children. The workings of the Social Security Act have since broadened this field so as to include dependent children deprived of parental support, in any proper home where they are under the care of a relative. This relationship may be by blood or by marriage and covers some two dozen kinds of family ties which can make a person eligible to head a case under the present legislation providing for Aid to Dependent Children.

The case increase has been steady but has not shown the periodic spurts which have appeared in Old Age Assistance. In 1937 we had a total listing of 28 A. D. C. cases and in 1941 this figure reached 38, an increase of about 35 per cent during the five-year period. The case load of 1941, taken month by month, shows an increase of approximately 10 per cent over 1940. The expenditure, however, did not increase. The average number of eligible children per case was less, certain children becoming over the eligible age, with no new children coming into the family to take their places. Also, some of these older children became employed and self-supporting and, in a few instances, able to assist toward the family budget.

A further help in reducing case cost was the action of the state department in clarifying its intention in the matter of allowable budgets,

so that the local social worker was better able to set up a uniform system of allowances and to show the recipient that enough assistance was being given to take care of the family when proper attention was given by the family to the specific items of the budget.

Being under federal participation as well as state reimbursement, the administration and recording in Aid to Dependent Children is replete with rules and regulations, fixed time limits for notification, filing of reports, submission of social data, furnishing of duly approved copies of all pay rolls, and in admission of new cases, the complete and official vital statistics of all members of the family. As federal grants and state payments depend entirely on the correct performance of these details it is easily seen that this work must be done by qualified persons. This was one of several reasons why the Social Security Board made it mandatory for the state to inaugurate a Civil Service Merit System for all local administrative employees, proper rating being given only on successful passing of a Civil Service examination.

Old Age Assistance

Our case record in Old Age Assistance during 1941 has averaged about 12 cases higher than the previous year, month by month, throughout the year. From January to July we had a lull similar to that for the same period of 1940, with a rise in cases from then on. At the date of this writing there is not the activity of new case application that occurred during certain months of 1941. These variations in case intake intensity have occurred to some extent throughout the past several years, not only in Reading but in many other municipalities in the state. We have never found an administrator of Old Age Assisance who could give a reasonable explanation of this characteristic except in a few instances involving small towns where a case shift of half a dozen represented an appreciable percentage of a small case load.

As has happened many times before, we are confronted this year with extensive legislative enlargements, most of which go into effect May 1st, 1942. Of greatest importance is the increase in mandatory minimum monthly allowances. This is commonly misunderstood to mean increases of ten dollars a month, that is, the effect of raising the minimum from $30.00 a month to $40.00. Such is not the case however. Old Age recipients who live in what the State Department defines as a "family group" will not be affected at all. Man-and-wife cases, as well as brother-and-sister cases, have schedules which apply particularly to them and these are not based on a forty-dollar minimum. Some cases, where nursing care is required, are already receiving $40.00 or more. Also, the same deductions as heretofore, for shelter furnished by relatives, partial contributions by legally liable children, Old Age and Survivors' Benefits under the Social Security Laws, etc., are to

be computed in setting monthly allotments under the new law. Surveys and estimates we have made indicate an average case cost increase of some six dollars a month, a figure reasonably in agreement with estimates of other towns so far as they have been available.

With increased payments to recipients by local bureaus as required under the amended law there will be a corresponding increase in the reimbursement which the state will be called on to pay to the cities and towns, running in the aggregate into some millions. This appears to be creating an embarrassing situation for the State Department as it is not evident as yet that the revenue-producing clause in the new law —5 per cent tax on meals costing a dollar or more and 3 per cent additional surtax on incomes—is going to provide the state with sufficient funds. Under war conditions it is difficult to devise other means of raising this additional money and we are informed that it is entirely possible the state may not be able to make reimbursement in full proportion to the cities and towns. It has been mentioned several times previously in these reports that misguided enthusiasm on the part of a certain group of legislative workers, (not to call them politicians), to play up this matter of continually increasing Old Age Assistance expenditures, even if done with good intention and purpose, might result in going so far that the taxpaying public will rebel and refuse to support any part of the program. Thus might be lost all the advantages which the old people have gained through social legislation since 1931. This coming year may well be the crucial test for this form of public assistance for the aged because it bids fair to show what limit of load the traffic will bear in this direction.

Administrative

As indicated in the first paragraph of this report, all welfare department employees in the various cities and towns of Massachusetts whose duties required the administration of relief, or any part of the recording thereof, in any category coming under the National Social Security Act for purposes of federal reimbursement, were required to qualify for their several positions under an examination prepared, given, and marked by the Civil Service Department. The ratings resulting from these examinations, conducted in September, 1940, and successfully passed by all our personnel, were not published until September, 1941, but the Civil Service ratings obtained thereunder were made effective June 24th, 1941. It is naturally a source of satisfaction to your employees that the Board's policy of placing responsibility directly upon them for proper performance of the work of the department, with the implied assumption that the Board believes them capable, has been justified by the results of these examinations which were conducted wholly to determine fitness for the respective positions held by

incumbents. In filling future positions, because of vacancy, addition to the staff, or otherwise, it will be necessary to draw from persons duly qualified and on the Civil Service list or to arrange with the Civil Service for promotional examination of some member of our present force. The minimum salaries of the various positions classified have been fixed by Civil Service rules and some adjustment is mandatory under legal requirement as to minimum, regardless of any action the town departments as a whole may take in respect to salaries.

The office force wishes to express its appreciation for the Board's helpful consideration of the many questions brought to its attention and for the constructive nature of the criticism and suggestion which the Board has offered from time to time. The co-operative nature of the guidance of the elected Board and the working force which carries out its policies is surely advantageous to the townspeople for whom we work and whose best interests are the immediate concern of all of us.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD E. HARNDEN,
Welfare Agent.

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

December 31, 1941

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as dog officer to Dec. 31, 1941.
I have canvassed the town to see that all dogs were licensed.
Unlicensed and strays have been found and disposed of as follows:
272 have been destroyed.
57 returned to owners.
36 hens destroyed by dogs.
553 complaints investigated.
21 dogs killed by autos.
3 dog owners have been prosecuted for keeping unlicensed dogs.

At this time I wish to thank the Police Department and the court for their assistance to me.

CHARLES H. MELENDY,
Dog Officer

REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Reading, Massachusetts.
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the annual report of the Police Department for the Town of Reading for the year ending December 31, 1941.

Arrests for the Year 1941 — 344

Males, 337; Females, 7; Adults, 335; Minors 9; Residents, 130; Non Residents, 214; American Born, 311; Foreign Born, 33.

Causes of Arrests

Drunkenness, 96; Assault and Battery, 8; Non Support, 9; Larceny, 6; Out of Town Warrants, 5; Insane, 4; Runaway, 4; Mutual Assault, 3; Delinquent Child, 3; Illegitimacy, 3; Breaking and Entering, Day Time, 2; Breaking and Entering, Night Time, 2; Indecent Exposure, 2; Keeping an Unlicensed Dog, 2; Larceny of an Automobile, 2; Larceny by Check, 2; Arrested on Orders of U. S. Military Authorities, 2; Threat to Commit Crime, 1; Murder, 1; Non-Payment of Fine, 1; Malicious Damage to Property, 1; Attempted Armed Robbery, 1; Armed Robbery, 1; Habitual Truancy, 1; Receiving Stolen Property, 1.

Automobile Violations

Speeding, 111; Failure to Stop at Stop Sign, 32; Operating Under the Influence of Liquor, 24; Operating So as to Endanger, 3; Leaving the Scene of an Accident, 2; Operating Without a License, 2; Operating After Revocation, 1; Operating After Suspension, 1; Operating After License Expired, 1; Operating a Non-Registered Car, 1; Operating a Non-Insured Car, 1; Attaching Stolen Plates, 1; Failure to Stop at Traffic Lights, 1. Total Arrests for the Year 1941, 344.

Disposition of Cases in Courts

Fined, 144; Filed, 64; Released, 56; Turned Over to Out of Town Officers, 17; House of Correction, 12; House of Correction, Suspended, 12; Not Guilty, 10; Continued for Disposition, 8; Worcester State Hospital, 4; Dismissed for Lack of Prosecution, 4; Dismissed, 5; Lyman School, 2; To U. S. Army Authorities, 2; Probation, 1; Filed Without a Finding, 1; Sherborn Reformatory for Women, 1; Death Penalty, 1. Total Cases Disposed of, 344.

Disposition of Persons Arrested

Persons Arrested and Cases Disposed of in Woburn District Court, 251; Persons Arrested and Cases Disposed of in Cambridge Superior

Court, 20; Persons Arrested and Released without Court Action, 56; Persons Arrested and Turned Over to Out of Town Officers, 17.

Amounts of Fines Imposed by Courts

91 Fines at $5.00 each, $450.00; 27 Fines at $10.00 each, $270.00; 1 Fine at $15.00, $15.00; 1 Fine at $20, $20.00; 2 Fines at $25.00, $50.00; 3 Fines at $35.00 each, $105.00; 15 Fines at $50.00 each, $750.00; 1 Fine at $75.00, $75.00; 3 Fines at $100.00 each, $300.00. Total Amount Resulting from Fines Imposed by Court, Year 1941, $2,035.00.

Valuation of Properties Stolen and Recovered

Valuation of Properties Reported as Stolen in Reading	$ 5,400.36
Valuation of Properties Recovered in Reading	4,377.25
Valuation of Properties Recovered for Out of Town Officers	4,660.00
Total Value of Properties Recovered, Year 1941	$ 9,037.25

Miscellaneous Services Rendered by the Police Department

The major items of police service are indicated in the foregoing tables, however, a wide variety of incidental services which occupy much of the department's time and attention is summarized as follows:

Cases investigated, 576; transient put ups, 47; buildings found open and secured, 195; cats and dogs shot and disposed of by officers, 25; special messages delivered after hours, 228; children reported lost, found and turned over to their parents, 25; windows found open and secured, 48; live wires found, guarded and reported, 9; street lights out and reported, 48; old persons found straying and returned to their homes, 16; defective streets and sidewalks reported, 57; summons delivered, 224; dead bodies cared for, 6; fires reported by officers, 15; vacant houses of people away inspected, 210; covered all fires.

Automobile Accidents

Total number of automobile accidents for year 1941, 140; Accidents involving property damage, 120; Accidents involving personal injury, 65; Persons injured and taken to doctors for medical treatment, 69.

Mileage on Automobile Units

Cruiser No. 1, a 1939 Plymouth Sedan travelled from January 1, 1941 to March 31, 1941, 7,641 miles. On March 31st this car was replaced by a 1941 Plymouth Tudor Sedan which has travelled from March 31, to December 31, 1941, 23,402 miles. Cruiser No. 2 has travelled 35,275 miles. The Packard has travelled 3,798 miles. The Police Ambulance

has travelled 3,174 miles, making a total of 73,290 miles travelled by the various automotive units of the Police Department.

Police Ambulance Records

On March 1, 1941 it was voted by the Honorable Board of Selectmen to charge for the use of the Police Ambulance, the result being as follows:

Received in payment for use of Ambulance and turned over to the Town Treasurer, $257.00.

During the year 1941, the police made the following trips with the ambulance:

Winchester Hospital, 39; Choate Memorial Hospital, Woburn, 26; St. John's Hospital, Lowell, 22; Mass. General Hospital, Boston, 20; Trips made within Town Limits, 13; Carney Hospital, Boston, 11; Melrose Hospital, 5; Mass Memorial Hospital, Boston, 4; Chelsea Soldier's Home, 4; New England Sanitarium, Stoneham, 3; Wakefield Conv. Home, 3; Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston, 3; Boston City Hospital, 2; Baker Memorial Hospital, Boston, 2; Stoneham Conv. Home, 2; Children's Hospital, Boston, 1; Malden Hospital, 1; Belmont Conv. Home, 1; Marine Hospital, Boston, 1; Women's Free Hospital, Brookline, 1; Mattapan State Hospital, 1; Tewksbury State Infirmary, 1; Evans Hospital, Boston, 1; Worcester State Hospital, 1; Charlesgate Hospital, 1. Total trips made by Police Ambulance for year 1941, 169.

Recommendations

I recommend an increase of the permanent force by the appointment of three regular officers.

Conclusion

At this time I wish to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen, the Judges of our District Court, the Clerks of our Court, our local Press, and all others who have assisted in promoting the welfare of this Department, also the members of this Department for what they have done.

Respectfully submitted,

JEREMIAH CULLINANE,

Chief of Police, Reading, Mass.

EIGHTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Gentlemen:

The 1941 report of the Reading Fire Department is herein submitted:

Manual Force

The manual force consists of 9 permanent men, including the chief, and 23 call men.

Captain Owen McKenney, a member of the call force, retired August first after over fifty years as a member of the department. He carries with him the best wishes of every member of the department.

Auxiliary Fire Service

An Auxiliary Fire Service has been organized. At the present there are 27 men who have received instructions under Deputy Chief O'Brien. These men are a valuable addition to the department. An addition of 23 men, to bring the number to 50 are to be instructed soon.

Apparatus

Engine 1, a 1,000 gal. per min. Seagrave pumping engine with a 100 gallon booster tank, purchased in 1934; Engine 3, a 600 gal. per min. Seagrave pumping engine with a 65 gallon booster tank, purchased 1929; Engine 4, a 1932 one and one half ton Chevrolet which carries a 65 gallon booster tank, 3,000 ft. of 1½ inch hose and a 100 gal. per min. portable pump. This apparatus is used for grass and forest fires; Ladder 1, a Seagrave 65 ft. Junior Aerial purchased in 1940, which carries 1000 ft. of 1½ in. hose and a 100 gallon booster tank and a 200 gal. per min. pump. This truck was placed in commission January 20th this year and has proved the advantage of a ladder of this type. All of the above apparatus is stationed at the Central Fire Station, Pleasant St.

Engine 2, a Seagrave 400 gal. per min. pumping engine, purchased in 1926 is located in the Woburn Street Station.

Service Record

The department has responded to 104 bell alarms, 51 still, 249 telephone, and 27 service calls a total of 431 which is an increase of 133 over 1940.

Value of property endangered by fire	$146,920.00
Insurance on same	106,920.00
Loss by fire	20,021.81
Insurance paid	15,088.31
Uninsured loss	4,933.50

Feet of hose laid, 2½ inch	31,900
1½ inch	65,800
1 inch	2,350
¾ inch	20,300
Feet of ladder raised	1,833
Booster tanks used	149
3 gallon soda and acid extinguishers	14
1 quart carbon-tetrachloride extinguishers	6
Foam extinguishers	2
Chimney fuzees	2
Hours engines pumped	106¼
Calls for inhalator	3
Salvage covers spread	44
Hours lighting generator used	11
Search for missing persons	3

Recommendations

I recommend that the supply of both 2½ inch and 1½ inch hose be increased.

That in the line of defense preparation the number of fire hydrants be increased and the dead ends of water mains be tied in wherever possible. Also more fire cisterns should be constructed and the known old cisterns be put into condition to be of use if our water supply should fail.

The permanent force should be increased by adding at least two men at the Engine 2 station, Woburn street.

Conclusion

In conclusion I wish to thank the Honorable Board for its co-operation, the members of the department for the faithful performance of their duties, the employees of the Telephone Company for their valuable assistance in the transmission of emergency calls and all town departments and persons who have assisted this department.

Respectfully submitted,

CHIEF HUGH L. EAMES.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report for the year of 1941.

The following underground conduits have been laid: High Street from Woodward Avenue to Lowell Street; Pleasant Street from Middle to John; Willow Street 200 ft. west from Lowell; Hartshorn Street 150 ft. east of Lowell; Lowell Street 350 ft. from High Street.

Five boxes have been added to the system and I recommend that more boxes be added each year as the town has outgrown its present number of boxes.

There is need of a larger fire alarm switch board to allow more box circuits and placing the boxes now in pedestals on circuits separate from the overhead circuits.

The fire alarm battery should be moved from its present hazardous location in the attic of the central fire station.

I wish to thank the Honorable Board for their co-operation and all others who have assisted this department.

Respectfully submitted,
CHIEF HUGH L. EAMES,
Superintendent of Fire Alarm.

REPORT OF THE FOREST WARDEN

The annual report of the Forest Warden is hereby submitted.

The department has responded to 219 grass and brush fires this year. This is an increase of 120 over 1940. Many were caused by defective or improper incinerators. There has been an increase in the number of incendiary fires.

The unusual dry condition of the woodlands resulted in many fires covering large areas before being brought under control.

On Thanksgiving Day, November 20th, a large fire which had its origin in Wilmington swept east through 100 Acre Meadow and the Town Forest. 22 fire departments fought this fire for 12 hours. Thousands of trees in the town forest were destroyed and only by hard work by firemen and civilian volunteers was this fire controlled without the loss of any buildings. At the same time an incendiary fire from Birch Meadow endangered residences on Forest Street, Whittier and Tennyson Roads. Apparatus from other towns fought this fire. It was necessary to keep hose lines at the 100 Acre Meadow fire for many days. Some hose was destroyed.

The Woman's Defense Corps, who established canteen service to carry food and coffee to the firemen, and the Auxiliary Police, who as-

sisted in controlling the heavy automobile traffic that for a time was a great hinderance to the movement of fire apparatus are deserving of great praise for the willing and untiring manner in which they performed their duties.

Many of the incendiary fires have been investigated by the Police and the State District Warden.

The Tree Warden's department has assisted at several fires.

I wish to thank all who have assisted this department.

Respectfully submitted,

CHIEF HUGH L. EAMES,
Forest Warden.

REPORT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

January 9, 1942

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit a building report for the year 1941. In the past year there were one hundred sixty-seven (167) permits granted and these are itemized as follows, with the estimated cost of same:

111	New Dwellings	$373,900.00
22	New Garages	5,640.00
26	Alterations and Additions to All Types of Buildings	35,075.00
2	Gas Filling Stations	3,400.00
2	Super Markets	32,900.00
1	Telephone Carrier Repeater Station	5,000.00
2	Hen Houses	225.00
1	Tool House	200.00
	Total Estimated Cost of All Building Construction	$456,340.00

The sum of six-hundred forty-two ($642.00) dollars was received in fees for the above building permits.

There were five (5) buildings, due to their unsafe condition, taken down by order of the Building Inspector. These buildings were in such a dangerous condition that they were a tremendous fire hazard.

There were seven (7) more permits issued this year than last year and the estimated cost this year exceeded that of last year by sixty-three thousand, five hundred and thirty-nine ($63,539.00) dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. SIDEBOTTOM,
Building Inspector

REPORT OF PLUMBING INSPECTOR

To the Board of Health,
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1941.

Number of Permits Granted	183
Number of Fixtures Installed	816
Bath Tubs	106
Lavatories	120
Closets	130
Sinks	98
Sink and Tray Combination	78
Two-part Trays	40
Boilers	60
Tankless Heaters	72
Stall Showers	10
Bath Showers	92
Refrigerator Chests	10

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID MARTIN,
Inspector of Plumbing

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Reading:

There were one hundred forty nine contagious diseases reported during the year 1941.

Chicken Pox	34
Dog Bite	51
Lobar Pneumonia	11
Scarlet Fever	25
Mumps	2
Septic Sore Throat	2
Influenza	1
Meningitis	1
German Measles	1
Measles	7
Tuberculosis	3
Whooping Cough	11
	149

Number of Deaths		97
Male		52
Female		45
8 were between	90 and	100
28 were between	80 and	90
20 were between	70 and	80
20 were between	60 and	70
5 were between	50 and	60
8 were between	40 and	50
3 were between	30 and	40
1 was between	1 and	20
1 was under		1 year

2 still births

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. HALLIGAN, M.D.
R. B. SHEPARDSON, M.D.
C. F. ATKINSON
Board of Health

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

February 9, 1942.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as Inspector of Animals for the year 1941.

On January 1, 1942 there were approximately 495 head of neat animals in the town.

The number of animals inspected were:

Cattle	221
Swine	180
Goats	40
Sheep	54

There were 43 dogs and one cat quarantined for biting people and of this number, none were affected with the rabies.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD SCHIMPFKE,
Inspector of Animals.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF MILK AND FOOD

To the Honorable Board of Health,
Town of Reading, Massachusetts.
Gentlemen:

The inspection of the milk supply of the Town of Reading for the year 1941, consisted of the analysis of samples of milk taken from the various dealers for its bacteria contents, also the percentages of fat and total solids and in the inspection of the dairies and conditions under which the milk was handled.

One hundred and eight samples were collected and analyzed and found to be satisfactory and eighteen dairy inspections made with good results.

The inspection of the food supply consisted in the inspection of the conditions under which food is handled and stored. Twenty-four inspections were made and in most cases conditions were found to be satisfactory. Six complaints were investigated and adjusted.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL M. SMITH,
Inspector of Milk and Food.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Town of Reading, Massachusetts.
Gentlemen:

The following table shows all of the work completed by the Department of Weights and Measures in the Town of Reading for the years 1941.

As you will note this not only includes the testing and sealing of all weights, scales and measures, but also the weighing of many commodities as put up for sale and also several inspections.

Work Performed from Jan. 1, 1941 to Dec. 31, 1941

		Adjusted	Sealed	Condemned
1.	**Scales**			
	Platform, over 1,000 lbs.		3	
	Platform, 100 to 5,000 lbs.	3	5	
	Counter, 100 to 5,000 lbs.	1	2	
	Counter, under 100 lbs.	2	13	
	Beam, under 100 lbs.	1	1	
	Spring, 100 to 5,000 lbs.	1	2	
	Spring, under 100 lbs.	9	15	1
	Computing, under 100 lbs.	12	29	1
2.	**Weights**			
	Avoirdupois		72	

	Adjusted	Sealed	Condemned
3. Volumetric Measures			
Liquid Measures		3	
Dry Measures		4	
4. Automatic Liquid Measuring Devices			
Gasoline Meter Systems	16	70	2
Grease Measuring Devices	2	14	
5. Linear Measures			
Yard Sticks		13	
	47	246	4

Trial Weighings and Measurements of Commodities Sold or Put Up For Sale

Commodity	Total No. Tested	No. Correct	Incorrect Under	Incorrect Over
Beans, packaged	6	6		
Bread	24	18	2	4
Butter	10	8	1	1
Coal (in paper bags)	6	3	1	2
Dry Commodities	38	32	2	4
Flour	4	3	1	0
Fruits and Vegetables	6	5	1	0
Ice	4	1	1	2
Meats and Provisions	8	7		1
Potatoes	16	8	2	6
	122	91	11	20

Inspections Made

Paper and Fibre Cartons	1
Pedlers' Licenses	2
Markings of Bread	6
Coal in Paper Bags	2
Pedlers' Scales	2
Junk Scales	2
Oil Jars	4

Respectfully submitted,

CARL M. SMITH,

Sealer Weights and Measures.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

For the Year 1941

Valuation of Taxable Property

Buildings, exclusive of land			$13,164,944
Land, exclusive of buildings			3,564,925
Personal Estate			697,986
Total Taxable Valuation			$17,427,855
Amount appropriated for Town Purposes		$791,514.12	
Amount of Overlay Deficits		677.80	
Amount to be paid for State and County Taxes		88,354.36	
Amount of Overlay		7,577.85	
		$888,124.13	
Less Estimated Receipts	$229,649.61		
Excise Tax	25,000,00		
3787 Polls at $2.00	7,574.00		
Over estimated State Taxes 1940	108.81		
Available Funds	11,728.35	$274,060.77	
Amount to be raised on Polls and Property			$614,063.36

Tax Rate 1941 — $34.80 per M.

Recapitulation

Real Estate Tax	$582,199.44
Personal Tax	24,289.92
Poll Tax	7,574.00
Excise Taxes	32,769.21
Moth Assessment	486.00
Betterments:	
House Connection	103.04
Sidewalk & Curbing	1,362.32
Sewer	552.66
Highway	3,108.51
Water Liens	273.29
Additional Polls	4.00
	$652,722.39

Detail of State and County Taxes

State Tax, 1941		$ 45,375.00
State Parks, 1941		643.17
State Audit, 1941		1,644.11
Metropolitan Sewer, 1941		14,724.43
County Taxes, 1941		25,967.65
		$88,354.36
State Park Tax, 1940 over estimate	$39.51	
Metropolitan Sewer, 1940 over estimate	69.30	108.81
Total State and County Taxes, 1941		$ 88,245.55

Valuation Comparison

	1940	1941	Inc.	Dec.
Valuation of Buildings	$12,833,960	$13,164,944	$330,984	
Valuation of Land	3,552,940	3,564,925	11,985	
Valuation of Personal Prop..	696,698	697,986	1,288	
Valuation of Town Prop.	1,702,535	1,701,060		$1,475
Valuation of Exempted Prop.	564,120	564,395	275	
Valuation of Excise Tax	975,355	1,106,410	131,055	
December Commitment	925			925
Total Town Valuation	$20,326,533	$20,799,720	$475,587	$2,400
Net Change in Valuation			473,187	

Tax Rate (1940) $35.20 Per M.—(1941) $34.80 Per M.

Miscellaneous Data

	1940	1941	Inc.	Dec.
Number of Persons, Partnerships and Corporations Assessed	2,903	3,009	106	
Number of Automobiles Assessed	3,772	3,963	191	
Number of Polls	3,661	3,789	128	
Number of Horses	37	31		6
Number of Neat Cattle	196	190		6
Number of Swine	157	49		108
Number of Fowl	18,793	16,006		2,787
Number of Dwelling Houses	2,790	2,892	102	
Number of Acres Land	5,570	5,570		

ARTHUR S. COOK
HAROLD B. CURRELL
ROBERT A. DENNISON
Board of Assessors

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Taxes 1936

Uncollected December 31, 1940	$ 25.01	
Interest and Costs Collected	13.45	
Paid Treasurer		$ 38.46
	$ 38.46	$ 38.46

Taxes 1937

Uncollected Dec. 31, 1940	$ 102.96	
Interest and Costs Collected	20.38	
Refund Account Taxes	2.00	
Refund Account Interest and costs	.77	
Adjustment	2.00	
Paid Treasurer		$ 64.85
Abated		62.49
Refund Account Interest and Costs		.77
	$ 128.11	$ 128.11

Taxes 1938

Uncollected December 31, 1940	$ 302.59	
Interest and Costs Collected	63.21	
Paid Treasurer		$ 255.15
Abated		110.65
	$ 365.80	$ 365.80

Taxes and Assessments 1939

Uncollected December 31, 1940	$ 42,827.22	
Interest and Costs Collected	3,081.55	
Refunds Account Taxes	196.48	
Paid Treasurer		$ 43,489.81
Transferred to Tax Title		1,725.61
Abated		887.83
Adjustment		2.00
	$ 46,105.25	$ 46,105.25

Taxes and Assessments 1940

Uncollected December 31, 1940	$155,925.50	
Committed 1941	38.44	
Interest and Costs Collected	3,087.18	
Refund Account Taxes	1,694.70	
Refund Account Interest and Costs	.47	
Paid Treasurer		$115,410.67
Transferred to Tax Title		2,124.79
Abated		2,571.77
Refund Account Interest and Costs		47
Refund Account Overpayment		48.10
Uncollected December 31, 1941		40,590.19
	$160,746.29	$160,746.29

Taxes and Assessments 1941

General Tax Warrant	$652,722.39	
Interest and Costs Collected	694.05	
Refunds Account Taxes	6,520.43	
Paid Treasurer		$521,213.32
Transferred to Tax Title		4,809.68
Abated		11,827.56
Uncollected December 31, 1941		122,086.31
	$659,936.87	$659,936.87

Sewer Rentals

Uncollected December 31, 1940	$ 1,071.83	
Committed 1941	9,755.28	
Interest and Costs Collected	109.91	
Paid Treasurer		$ 9,583.79
Transferred to Tax Title		55.46
Uncollected December 31, 1941		1,297.77
	$ 10,937.02	$ 10,937.02

Highway Betterment

Commitments, 1941	$ 1,771.47

Paid Treasurer		$ 15.51
Deferred Payments		1,755.96
	$ 1,771.47	$ 1,771.47
Advanced Payment Apportioned Highway	$ 122.63	
Paid Treasurer		$ 122.63
	$ 122.63	$ 122.63

Sidewalk Betterment

Commitments, 1941	$ 3,939.43	
Paid Treasurer		$ 86.10
Deferred Payments		3,853.33
	$ 3,939.43	$ 3,939.43
Advanced Payments Apportioned Sidewalk	$ 124.69	
Interest Collected	.52	
Paid Treasurer		$ 125.21
	$ 125.21	$ 125.21

Sewer Betterment

Commitments, 1941	$ 703.47	
Paid Treasurer		$ 269.63
Deferred Payments		433.84
	$ 703.47	$ 703.47
Advanced Payments Apportioned Sewer	$ 31.50	
Interest Collected	.32	
Paid Treasurer		$ 31.82
	$ 31.82	$ 31.82

Sewer House Connection

Commitment, 1941	$ 319.82	
Paid Treasurer		$ 87.51
Deferred Payments		232.31
	$ 319.82	$ 319.82

Water Liens Added to Taxes

Uncollected December 31, 1940	$ 353.28	
Interest and Costs Collected	11.35	
Paid Treasurer		$ 121.91
Added to 1941 Taxes		242.72
	$ 364.63	$ 364.63

Water Liens Not Added to Taxes

Commitment, 1941	$ 75.70	
Interest and Costs Collected	2.70	
Paid Treasurer		$ 43.30
Uncollected December 31, 1941		35.10
	$ 78.40	$ 78.40

Recapitulation

Total receipts from taxes and assessments:		
Taxes	$635,558.67	
Highway Assessments and Interest	3,407.59	
Sidewalk Assessment and Interest	2,777.07	
Sewer Assessment and Interest	10,508.35	
House Connection	118.54	
Water Liens	496.24	
Motor Vehicle Assessments	32,666.89	
Interest, Costs, etc.	7,190.22	
	$692,723.57	
Paid to Treasurer as per Treasurer's Receipts		$692,723.57

GRACE V. VIALL,
Collector of Taxes.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

For the Year Ended December 31, 1941

The transactions in the General Cash Account, in summary form, were as follows:

Balance January 1, 1941		$160,544.60
Receipts:		
Grace V. Viall, Collector	$692,723.57	
Municipal Light Department	467,836.80	
Water Department	61,752.49	

Receipts:

School Department	15,014.88
School Cafeteria	10,954.51
Cemetery Department	6,134.96
Tree Warden and Moth Department	588.25
Library	597.84
Town Clerk	3,985.51
Hearings, Licenses and Permits	1,126.86
Other Departmental Receipts	6,713.86
Old Age Assistance; Grants and Refunds	78,994.36
Aid to Dependent Children; Grants and Refunds	10,500.40
Welfare and Soldiers' Relief	15,591.01
Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Rev.	475,000.00
Fire Equipment Loan	9,500.00
Drainage Loan	45,000.00
Municipal Light Plant Loan (Garage)	10,000.00
Municipal Light Plant Loan (Underground System)	21,000.00
Water Mains Extension Loan	10,000.00
Highway Const. & Maint. Loan, (Chap. 90)	24,500.00
Tax Title Loan	7,000.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts; Taxes	71,210.79
Commonwealth of Massachusetts; Highway Fund	27,710.84
Commonwealth of Massachusetts; Soldiers' Benefits	1,195.13
State and County; Reimbursement for Highway Loan	21,723.40
Municipal Light Dept., Transfer of Income	35,000.00
Redemption of Property; Taxes, Interest and Costs	7,951.58
Trust Funds Income	4,508.34
Trust Funds Transfers	23,373.64
Sales of Real Estate	10,397.00
Gift for Raymond Memorial Library	1,000.00
Middlesex County: A/c Dog Licenses	1,447.58
Miscellaneous	4,601.75
Total Receipts	$2,184,635.35
	$2,345,179.95

Disbursements:

Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Rev. ..	$500,000.00	
Funded Debt	72,000.00	
Interest on Loans and Funded Debt	10,805.28	
State Tax and Assessments	61,862.48	
County Tax	26,136.62	
Tax Title Loans	5,991.81	
Other Disbursements	1,445,960.13	
Total Disbursements		$2,122,756.32
Balance December 31, 1941		$ 222,423.63

Notes Issued in Anticipation of Revenue

Outstanding January 1, 1941	$250,000.00	
Notes Issued in 1941	475.000.00	$725,000.00
Notes Paid in 1941	$500,000.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1941	225,000.00	725,000.00

Funded Debt

Outstanding January 1, 1941	$472,000.00	
Notes Issued in 1941	95,500.00	$567,500.00
Bonds and Notes Paid in 1941	$ 72,000.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1941	495,500.00	$567,500.00

Tax Title Loans

Outstanding January 1, 1941	$ 2,500.00	
Notes Issued in 1941	7,000.00	$ 9,500.00
Notes Paid in 1941	$ 5,991.81	
Outstanding December 31, 1941	3,508.19	$ 9,500.00

Chapter 90 Loans in Anticipation of Reimbursement

Outstanding January 1, 1941	None	
Notes Issued in 1941	$ 24,500.00	$ 24,500.00
Notes Paid in 1941	None	
Outstanding December 31, 1941	$ 24,500.00	$ 24,500.00

A more detailed statement of receipts and disbursements and a statement of the trust funds are presented in the report of the Town Accountant.

PRESTON F. NICHOLS, Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

For the Year ended December 31, 1941

RECEIPTS 1941

TAXES

Current Year:		
Property	$478,704.72	
Poll	6,366.00	
Previous Years:		
Property	149,026.95	
Poll	942.00	
Tax Title Redemptions	7,028.23	
		$642,067.90
From the State:		
Income	$ 52,955.15	
Corporation	17,830.08	
Gas, Electricity and Water	425.56	
Veterans' Exemptions	420.13	
		$ 71,630.92

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Board of Selectmen:		
Bowling and Pool	$ 25.00	
Theatre	55.00	
Inn Holder	1.00	
Auctioneer	14.00	
Common Victualer	26.00	
Revolver	49.00	
Second Hand Auto	30.00	
Lord's Day	131.50	
Peddler's	3.00	
Taxi Cab	8.00	
Trucking	8.00	
Junk Dealer	20.00	
Advertising Hearings	3.36	
		$ 373.86
Board of Health:		
Frozen Desserts	$ 15.00	
Pasteurization	30.00	
Physiotherapist	1.00	
Masseur	6.00	
Undertaker	4.00	
		$ 56.00

TOWN CLERK

Dog Licenses:		
For County	$ 1,894.20	
For Town	170.80	
Fishing and Hunting:		
For State	767.25	
For Town	104.25	
Birth Certificates	78.50	
Death Certificates	30.50	
Marriage Licenses and Certificates	378.00	
Certificates of Residence	1.50	
Certificates of Business	6.50	
Certificates of Voters	16.75	
Recording Mortgages and Discharges	337.10	
Recording Sales Contracts	7.35	
Gasoline License Renewals	22.50	
Affidavits	3.50	
Recording Pole Locations	159.90	
Foreclosure Notices	.50	
Recording Leases	.50	
Dog License Transfers	1.00	
Dog Tags, Duplicate	2.00	
Postage	.91	
Assignments	2.00	
		$ 3,985.51

Dog License Fees:
Paid to County $1,867.80
Due County $26.40
Fishing and Hunting Fees:
Paid State $767.25
Due State $6.00

FINES AND FORFEITS:

Court Fines	$ 70.00	
		$ 70.00

GRANTS AND GIFTS

From the State:		
Aid to Industrial Schools	$ 308.11	
Highways, Chapter 90 Maint.	1,000.00	
Highways, Chapter 90 Const.	12,876.69	
Chapter 420 Acts of 1941 (Gas Tax Distribution)	27,710.84	

Public Health Department	1,300.00	
Juvenile Training	125.80	
		$ 43,321.44
From the County:		
Dog License Fees	$ 1,447.58	
Highways Chapter 90 Maint.	1,000.00	
Highways Chapter 90 Const.	6,846.71	
		$ 9,294.29
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:		
Moth and Tree Work	$ 519.00	
Sewer Betterment	880.11	
Sewer House Connections	146.01	
Sidewalk and Curbing Betterment	2,504.51	
Highway Betterment	2,663.06	
		$ 6,712.69
PRIVILEGES		
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax		$ 32,666.89
DEPARTMENTAL RECEIPTS		
General Government:		
Collector's Costs and Charges	$ 1,129.06	
Collector's Certificates	101.00	
		$ 1,230.06
Board of Appeal		$ 40.00
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Damage Settlements	$ 83.65	
Ambulance Fees	257.00	
		$ 340.65
Inspection:		
Sealer of Weights and Measures Fees	$ 61.76	
Inspector of Milk Fees	26.50	
Inspector of Building Fees	657.00	
		$ 745.26
Forestry:		
Moth and Tree Work Bills	$ 596.25	
		$ 596.25

Health and Sanitation:		
Sewer Rentals	$ 9,473.88	
Sewer Rental Costs	67.90	
Other Cities and Towns	433.00	
Sundry Parties	211.41	
		$ 10,186.19
Public Works Department:		
Comm. of Mass. Snow Plowing	$ 277.50	
Sundry Parties	14.07	
		$ 291.57
Charities:		
Reimbursement for General Aid		
From the State	$ 9,243.72	
From Other Cities and Towns	4,629.75	
Reimbursement for Aid Dependent Children:		
From the State	4,109.07	
Reimbursement for Old Age Assistance:		
From the State	31,039.24	
From Other Cities and Towns	4,568.76	
Reimbursement for State Sick Poor:		
From the State	929.55	
		$ 54,520.09
Federal Grants:		
Aid Dependent Children, Adm.	$ 412.08	
Aid Dependent Children, Aid	5,966.25	
Old Age Assistance, Adm.	1,413.32	
Old Age Assistance, Aid	42,441.74	
		$ 50,233.39
Soldiers' Benefits:		
Reimbursement from State:		
State Aid	$ 360.00	
Military Aid	415.00	
		$ 775.00

Schools:

Comm. of Mass. Tuition State Wards ..	$ 811.88	
City of Boston Tuition City Wards	514.49	
Town of No. Reading Tuition	12,684.00	
Town of Andover Tuition	108.50	
Sundry Parties Tuition	232.75	
Cafeteria Receipts	10,954.51	
Miscellaneous Receipts	434.71	
		$ 25,740.84

Library:

Fines, etc.	$ 597.84	
		$ 597.84

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:

Municipal Light Department:

Sales, Light and Power, etc.	$345,164.47	
Miscellaneous Receipts	41,411.49	
Merchandise and Jobbing	67,260.84	
Street Lighting	14,000.00	
		$467,836.80

Water Department:

Sales Water, etc.	$ 61,752.49	
Water Liens	474.83	
Water Liens Costs	12.55	
		$ 62,239.87

CEMETERIES:

Sales Lots and Graves	$ 835.00	
Interest	3.46	
Care Lots and Graves	2,481.50	
Rent of House	240.00	
From Soldiers' Graves Account	174.00	
		$ 3,733.96

INTEREST:

On Deferred Taxes	$ 5,794.62	
On Deferred Betterment Assts.	1,172.01	
On Sewer Rentals	42.33	
On Motor Vehicle Excise	36.14	
On Tax Title Redemptions	923.35	
Premium and Interest on Loans	610.24	
		$ 8,578.69

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS:

Anticipation of Revenue Loans	$475,000.00	
Anticipation of Reimbursement Loans	24,500.00	
		$499,500.00
Drainage System Installation Loan	$ 45,000.00	
Light Dept. Garage and Stockroom Loan	10,000.00	
Light Dept. Underground Ext. Loan	31,000.00	
Fire Equipment Loan	9,500.00	
Water Loan	10,000.00	
Tax Title Loan	7,000.00	
		$112,500.00

AGENCY TRUST AND INVESTMENT:

Guarantee Deposits:

Sewer House Connections	$ 391.25	
Cemetery Work	120.00	
		$ 511.25

Hospital Fund:

Income	$ 731.50	
For Transfer	23,750.20	
		$ 24,481.70

Cemetery Bequest Fund:		
Bequests	$ 2,575.00	
Income	750.00	
For Transfer	2,450.28	
		$ 5,775.28
R. H. S. Scholarship Fund:		
Income	$ 100.00	
For Transfer	100.00	
		$ 200.00
Library Fund:		
Edw. W. & Philips H. Raymond Mem.		$ 1,000.00
Sale of Furniture		25.00
Morrison Fund	$ 15.00	
		$ 15.00
Base Ball Fund	$ 21.50	
		$ 21.50
REFUNDS:		
Insurance Account:		
Municipal Light Dept.	$ 1,390.09	
Water Dept.	804.82	
Sewer Dept.	432.04	
W. P. A. Dept.	251.76	
Sundry Accounts	199.94	
		$ 3,078.65
Public Welfare Dept.:		
General Aid	$ 407.53	
Aid Dependent Children	13.00	
Old Age Assistance	46.76	
		$ 467.29
Sundry Departments	$ 222.00	
		$ 222.00

Gas Tax:		
Highway Dept.	$ 317.58	
W. P. A. Dept.	96.75	
		$ 414.33
Comm. of Mass. Interest	$ 40.54	
		$ 40.54
UNCLASSIFIED:		
Municipal Light Dept. to Treasury	$ 35,000.00	
Road Machinery Account	2,895.04	
Allowance Fire Truck	100.00	
Sale Land	397.00	
Rent Town Property	42.00	
Miscellaneous	82.81	
		$ 38,516.85
Total Receipts		$2,184,635.35

RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS

General Revenue:		
Taxes, Town	$642,067.90	
Taxes, State	71,630.92	
Licenses, Permits, Fines, etc.	6,125.47	
Grants and Gifts	51,168.15	
Special Assessments	16,254.47	
Motor Vehicle Excise	32,666.89	
Departmental Accounts Receivable	73,660.44	
Federal Grants	50,233.39	
Public Service Enterprises:		
Municipal Light Department	467,836.80	
Municipal Water Department	62,239.87	
Interest and Costs, etc.	9,808.75	
Municipal Indebtedness	612,000.00	
Agency Trust and Investment	32,029.73	
Refunds and Transfers	4,222.81	
Light Department to Treasury	35,000.00	
Unclassified	17,689.76	
		$2,184,635.35

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES 1941

	Balance from 1940	Appropriated 1941	Other Credits	Total	Expended	Transfers	Bal. Dec. 31
General Government:							
Selectmen's Expenses		$ 500.00		$ 500.00	$ 484.51		$ 15.49
Selectmen's Clerical		1,310.00		1,310.00	1,310.00		
Town Accountant's Salary		2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00		
Treasurer's Salary		1,200.00		1,200.00	1,200.00		
Treasurer's Expenses		700.00		700.00	629.97		70.03
Treasurer's Clerical		375.00		375.00	363.50		11.50
Collector's Salary		2,300.00		2,300.00	2,300.00		
Collector's Expenses		1,000.00	20.00A	1,020.00	963.05		56.95
Collector's Clerical		600.00		600.00	600.00		
Assessors' Salaries		1,800.00		1,800.00	1,750.00		50.00
Assessors' Expenses		1,500.00	2.10B	1,502.10	1,493.28		8.82
Assessors' Clerical		2,600.00		2,600.00	2,600.00		
Town Counsel's Salary		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00		
Town Counsel's Expenses		550.00	128.00R	678.00	669.31		8.69
Town Clerk's Salary		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00		
Town Clerk's Expenses		600.00		600.00	481.64		118.36
Registrars' Salaries		315.00		315.00	302.50		12.50
Registrars' Expenses, Special		960.00		960.00	955.75		4.25
Election and Registration Expense		700.00	300.00R	1,000.00	952.44		47.56
Planning Board Expenses		400.00		400.00	259.50		140.50
Miscellaneous Expense		3,500.00	9,530.00*	13,030.00	4,395.04		8,634.96
Municipal Building Maintenance		2,200.00	79.99†	2,279.99	2,228.55		51.44
		$ 27,110.00	$ 10,060.09	$ 37,170.09	$ 27,939.04		$ 9,231.05

*From Reserve Fund, $450.00; Additional Appropriation, $9,080.00.

†From Reserve Fund, $50.00; Refund, $29.99.

Protection of Persons and Property:					
Police Dept. Salaries	$ 36,740.00		$ 36,740.00	$ 35,811.73	$ 928.27
Police Dept. Maintenance	4,950.00	$ 83.65R	5,033.65	4,907.01	126.64
Police Station Maintenance	1,415.00		1,415.00	1,311.49	103.51
Fire Dept. Salaries	20,000.00		20,000.00	20,000.00	
Fire Dept. Callmen	3,546.00		3,546.00	3,522.92	23.08
O. O. Ordway Pension	1,300.00		1,300.00	1,300.00	
Fire Dept. Maintenance	3,455.00	1,370.25 *	4,825.25	4,820.76	4.49
Fire Stations Maintenance	1,290.00	150.00R	1,440.00	1,423.50	16.50
Fire Alarm Maintenance	1,625.00		1,625.00	1,621.56	3.44
Fire Alarm Extension	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,497.45	2.55
New Boxes	400.00		400.00	399.26	.74
Hydrant Rentals	5,562.00		5,562.00	5,562.00	
Moth Dept.	5,100.00		5,100.00	5,099.29	.71
Tree Warden	3,200.00		3,200.00	3,198.40	1.60
Inspector of Buildings Salary	500.00		500.00	500.00	
Inspector of Wires Salary	200.00		200.00	200.00	
Sealer of Wts. and Meas. Salary	500.00		500.00	500.00	
Sealer of Wts. and Meas. Expenses	250.00		250.00	234.75	15.25
Game Warden Salary	100.00		100.00	100.00	
Dog Officer Salary	300.00		300.00	300.00	
	$ 92,933.00	$ 1,603.90	$ 94,536.90	$ 93,310.12	$ 1,226.78

*From Reserve Fund, $200; Additional Appropriation, $1,170; Refund, $35.

Health and Sanitation:					
Board of Health Salaries	$ 300.00		$ 300.00	$ 300.00	
Board of Health Expenses	225.00	$ 50.25*	275.25	260.80	$ 14.45
Inspector of Plumbing Salary	500.00		500.00	500.00	
Inspector of Animals Salary	200.00		200.00	200.00	
Inspector of Milk and Food Salary	200.00		200.00	200.00	
Care of Contagious Diseases	6,000.00	1,017.00†	7,017.00	7,594.22	Dr.577.22

	Balance from 1940	Appropriated 1941	Other Credits	Total	Expended	Transfers	Bal. Dec. 31
Garbage Collection, Art. 23		2,500.00	200.00R	2,700.00	2,700.00		
Dental Clinic		650.00		650.00	650.00		
Child Welfare, Art. 43		400.00		400.00	400.00		
		$ 10,975.00	$ 1,267.25	$12,242.25	$ 12,805.02		Dr.$562.77

*From Reserve Fund, $50; Refund, $0.25.
†Additional Appropriation, $1,000; Refund, $17.00.

Charities and Aid:

General Aid Administrative		$ 6,700.00		$ 6,700.00	$ 6,267.15	$ 204.35	$ 228.50
General Aid	$ 1,990.24	40,000.00	$ 396.53	42,386.77	35,143.22	7,000.00	243.55
Aid to Dependent Children Adm. ..		500.00		500.00	499.88		.12
Aid to Dependent Children		18,000.00	13.00B	18,013.00	14,057.89	3,900.00	55.11
A. D. C. Adm. Federal Grants			412.08F	412.08	381.46		30.62
A. D. C. Federal Grants			5,966.25F	5,966.25	5,966.25		
Old Age Assistance Administrative		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,428.07		71.93
Old Age Assistance		46,500.00	3,557.76*	50,057.76	49,725.61		332.15
Old Age Asst. Adm. Federal Grants			1,413.32F	1,413.32	1,413.32		
Old Age Asst. Aid Federal Grants			42,441.74F	42,441.74	42,441.74		
	$ 1,990.24	$114,200.00	$ 54,200.68	$170,390.92	$158,324.59	$ 11,104.35	$ 961.98

*Additional Appropriation, $3,500; Refunds, $57.76.

Soldiers' Benefits:

State Aid		$ 600.00		$ 600.00	$ 360.00		$ 240.00
Military Aid		1,000.00		1,000.00	529.00		471.00
Soldiers' Relief	$ 156.35	10,000.00	20.00B	10,176.35	9,140.92	$ 290.00	745.43
	$ 156.35	$ 11,600.00	$ 20.00	$ 11,776.35	$ 10,029.92	$ 290.00	$ 1,456.43

*Loan Issued.

W. P. A. Materials	$ 7,914.18	$ 23,000.00	$ 98.25B	$ 31,012.43	$ 17,814.32	$ 7,000.00	$ 6,198.11
New Fire Apparatus	5,000.00	9,500.00*		14,500.00	14,497.48		2.52
Street Lighting		$ 14,000.00		14,000.00	14,000.00		
Education:							
School Dept. General Salaries		$196,000.00		$196,000.00	$195,990.60		$ 9.40
School Dept. General Maintenance		35,440.00	$ 283.14*	35,723.14	35,717.32		5.82
School Industrial Tuition		1,000.00		1,000.00	976.67		23.33
School Cafeterias		10,000.00	159.51T	10,159.51	10,149.83		9.68
School Transportation		9,500.00		9,500.00	9,126.02		373.98
		$251,940.00	$ 442.65	$252,382.65	$251,960.44		$ 422.21
*From Reserve Fund, $278.50; Refund, $4.64.							
Public Library Salaries		$ 5,550.00	$ 19.99B	$ 5,569.99	$ 5,501.71		$ 68.28
Public Library Maintenance		3,475.00	25.00T	3,500.00	3,486.54		13.46
		$ 9,025.00	$ 44.99	$ 9,069.99	$ 8,988.25		$ 81.74
Cemeteries:							
Laurel Hill Cemetery		$ 8,900.00	$ 3,323.78*	$ 12,223.78	$ 12,304.71		$ 8.07
Forest Glen Cemetery		1,200.00	376.50†	1,576.50	1,652.73		8.77
		$ 10,100.00	$ 3,700.28	$ 13,800.28	$ 13,957.44		$ 16.84
*From Cemetery Reserve, $950.00; From Cemetery Bequest Fund, $2,373.78.							
†From Cemetery Reserve, $300; From Cemetery Bequest Fund, $76.50.							
Memorial Day Observance		$ 600.00		$ 600.00	$ 599.62		$ .38
Int., not incl. Water, Light, Sewer		4,605.62		4,605.62	4,414.68		190.94
Matur. Debt, not incl. Water, Light		43,000.00		43,000.00	43,000.00		
Contributory Retirement System		15,816.00		15,816.00	15,816.00*		
*Transferred to Pension Account.							

	Balance from 1940	Appropriated 1941	Other Credits	Total	Expended	Transfers	Bal Dec. 31
Public Works:							
Administrative Expense		$ 6,335.00		$ 6,335.00	$ 6,334.91		$ 09
Highway Department		45,375.00	$ 769.58*	46,144.58	45,144.58	$ 1,000.00	
Snow and Ice Removal		12,200.00		12,200.00	12,200.00		
Sidewalk Construction		10,000.00	750.00R	10,750.00	10,749.62		.38
Drainage Construction, Art. 25		8,000.00		8,000.00	8,000.00		
Maintenance Storm Drains		3,500.00		3,500.00	3,500.00		
Maintenance Town Dump		1,200.00		1,200.00	1,200.00		
Park Department		5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00		
Sewer Dept. Maintenance		12,000.00		12,000.00	10,703.79		1,296.21
Sewer Dept. House Connections		1,700.00		1,700.00	1,700.00		
Water Department		55,000.00	19,496.66†	74,496.66	74,444.10		52.56
Drinking Fountains		100.00		100.00	100.00		
Special Account for Labor		7,000.00		7,000.00	6,700.14		299.86
New Equipment, Art. 24		11,000.00		11,000.00	11,000.00		
Harnden and Salem Sts.	$ 2,175.65			2,175.65		2,175.65	
Lowell St. Const., Chap. 90, Art. 27		4,500.00	11,250.00	15,750.00	15,750.00		
Charles St. Const., Chap. 90, Art. 28		4,500.00	11,250.00	15,750.00	15,750.00		
Mineral St. Bridge Plan, Art. 26		250.00		250.00			250.00
Pilgrim Road Betterment, Art. 35		881.00		881.00	881.00		
Wescroft Road Betterment, Art. 38		3,822.00		3,822.00	1,619.26		2,202.74
Bond St. Betterment, Art. 36		1,300.00		1,300.00	940.40		359.60
Coolidge Rd. Betterment, Art. 32		1,281.00		1,281.00	1,281.00		

*Refunds, $319.58; From Reserve Fund, $450.00.

†From Available Surplus, $9,490.04; From Loan, $10,000; Refunds, $6.62.

Springvale Rd. Betterment, Art. 33		2,568.00		2,568.00	2,111.38		456.62
West Hill Circle Betterment, Art. 37		891.00		891.00	56.94		834.06
County Rd. Betterment, Art. 34		510.00		510.00	510.00		
Lancroft Ave. and Highland St. Relocation, Art. 39		50.00		50.00	50.00		
Drainage System Installation, Art. 6		51,000.00	401.40	51,401.40	46,282.26		5,119.14
Drainage Investigation	$ 430.55			430.55	29.15	401.40	
Highway Maintenance			3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00		
Charles St. Construction (Special)			2,378.74	2,378.74	2,378.74		
	$ 2,606.20	$249,963.00	$ 49,296.38	$301,865.58	$287,417.27	$ 3,577.05	$ 10,871.26
Insurance		$ 11,487.49	$ 2,903.18	$ 14,390.58	$ 12,534.30	$ 1,200.00	$ 656.48
Reserve Fund, Art. 7		4,000.00				3,265.15	734.85
Land Court Exp., Art. 8		300.00	193.75*	493.75	405.75		88.00
Middlesex Cnty. T. B. Hosp., Art. 10		7,342.75		7,342.75	7,342.75		
Care Soldiers' Graves, Art. 9		600.00		600.00	600.00		
Town Forest, Art. 42		300.00		300.00	300.00		
Rent Legion Quarters, Art. 41		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00		
Street List Publication, Art. 16		388.00		388.00	388.00		
Welfare and W. P. A. Study	$ 1,000.00			1,000.00		1,000.00	
Elementary School Building	.48		.54		1.02		
Spec. Committee Low Cost Housing	1,000.00			1,000.00	200.00		800.00
Municipal Light Dept.	$ 2,179.84		466,426.93		465,045.73		3,561.04
Municipal Light Real Estate Acct.	1,644.05		1,647.50		3,291.55		

*From Reserve Fund, $175.00; Refunds, $18.75.

	from 1940 Balance	1941 Appropriated	Other Credits	Total	Expended	Transfers	Bal. Dec. 31
Municipal Light Gar.. and Stk. Rm			10,000.00†		10,000.00		
Municipal Light High and Lowell Sts. Extension			21,000.00†		12,104.93		8,895.07

†Loans.

Refunds Taxes, 1937-1941	$ 6,908.16
Refunds Motor Vehicle Excise, 1940-1941	1,475.14
Refunds Assessments and Interest 1939-1941	30.31
Refunds Water Department Rates	73.69
Refunds Sewer H. C. Guarantee Deposits	123.82
Refunds Cemetery Work Guarantee Deposits	7.50
Refunds Sundry Parties Estimated Receipts	13.47
Comm. of Mass. Acct. Tax Title Loan	5,991.81
Comm. of Mass. State Tax	45,375.00
Comm. of Mass. Metropolitan Sewer Assessment	14,226.43
Comm. of Mass. State Parks and Reservations	616.94
Comm. of Mass. Auditing Municipal Accounts	1,644.11
County of Middlesex, County Tax	26,136.62
Temporary Loans Anticipation Revenue	500,000.00
Comm. of Mass. Fishing and Hunting Fees	761.25
County of Middlesex Dog License Fees	1,890.60
Raymond Memorial Library Fund Books Purchased	871.84

Hospital Fund—Hospital Care and Administrative	2,056.63
Re-investments	22,171.64
Cemetery Bequest Fund Investment	3,300.10
R. H. S. Scholarship Fund Scholarships	100.00
Investment	100.00
Premium and Interest Account	218.14
Morrison Fund	37.55
Base Ball Fund	10.00
Dept. Accts., Town of Watertown	27.65
	$634,168.30
Total Payments	$2,122,756.32

A—Additional Appropriation; B—Refunds; F—Federal Grants; R—Reserve Fund; T—Transfers.

RECAPITULATION OF PAYMENTS

Departmental Expenditures	$789,002.55	
Public Service Enterprises:		
Municipal Light Department	490,442.21	
Water Department	74,444.10	
W. P. A. Materials	17,814.32	
Drainage Installation	46,311.41	
Interest, not incl. Water, Light and Sewer	4,414.68	
Funded Debt, not incl. Water and Light	48,991.81	
Temporary Loans	500,000.00	
Agency, Trust and Investment	47,333.65	
State and County Taxes	95,341.85	
Unclassified	8,659.74	
		$2,122,756.32

TREASURER'S CASH

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1941	$ 160,544.60	
Receipts 1941	2,184,635.35	
	$2,345,179.95	
Payments 1941	2,122,756.32	
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1941		$222,423.63

TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS RECEIVABLE

Taxes 1937			
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$ 40.00		
Refund	2.00		
Adjustment entry	2.00		
Cash		$	26.00
Abatements			18.00
	$ 44.00	$	44.00
Taxes 1938			
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$ 277.94		
Cash		$	185.94
Abatements			92.00
	$ 277.94	$	277.94
Taxes 1939			
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$ 42,151.08		
Refunds	189.55		
Cash		$	39,851.66

Abatements		822.29
Transferred to Tax Titles		1,664.18
Adjustment entry		2.50
	$42,340.63	$ 42,340.63
Taxes 1940		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$152,682.85	
Refunds	1,554.64	
Adjustment entry	2.00	
Cash		$109,905.35
Abatements		2,349.77
Transferred to Tax Titles		2,071.34
Adjustment entry		2.00
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1941		39,911.03
	$154,239.49	$154,239.49
Taxes 1941		
Commitments	$614,067.36	
Refunds	5,161.97	
Cash		$485,070.72
Abatements		9,770.45
Transferred to Tax Titles		4,499.47
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1941		119,888.69
	$619,229.33	$619,229.33
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1936		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$ 25.01	
Cash		$ 25.01
	$ 25.01	$ 25.01
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1937		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$ 62.96	
Cash		$ 18.47
Abatements		44.49
	$ 62.96	$ 62.96
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1938		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$ 24.65	
Cash		$ 6.00
Abatements		18.65
	$ 24.65	$ 24.65

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1939

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$ 88.05	
Cash		$ 51.07
Abatements		36.98
	$ 88.05	$ 88.05

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1940

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$ 1,473.93	
Commitment	38.44	
Refunds	132.69	
Adjustment entry	.01	
Cash		$ 1,365.27
Abatements		191.65
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1941		88.15
	$ 1,645.07	$ 1,645.07

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1941

Commitments	$ 32,769.21	
Refunds	1,342.45	
Cash		$ 31,201.07
Abatements		2,057.11
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1941		853.48
	$ 34,111.66	$ 34,111.66

Moth and Tree Work Assessments 1939

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$ 65.50	
Cash		$ 57.50
Transferred to Tax Titles		8.50
	$. 65.50	$ 65.50

Moth and Tree Work Assessments 1940

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$ 149.00	
Cash		$ 95.00
Transferred to Tax Titles		8.50
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1941		45.50
	$ 149.00	$ 149.00

Moth and Tree Work Assessment 1941

Commitment	$ 486.00	
Refunds	2.50	
Cash		$ 367.00
Transferred to Tax Titles		8.50
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1941		113.00
	$ 488.50	$ 488.50

Sewer H. C. Betterments Unapportioned

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$ 410.19	
Commitment	319.82	
Cash		$ 87.51
Apportioned		410.19
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1941		232.31
	$ 730.01	$ 730.01

Sewer H. C Betterment and Interest 1941

Commitment	$ 103.04	
Cash		$ 68.49
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1941		34.55
	$ 103.04	$ 103.04

Sewer Betterment Unapportioned

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$ 718.38	
Commitments	703.47	
Cash		$ 417.36
Abatements		31.50
Apportioned 1941-1950		539.15
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1941		433.84
	$ 1,421.85	$ 1,421.85

Sewer Betterment and Interest 1939

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$ 6.26	
Cash		$ 6.26
	$ 6.26	$ 6.26

Sewer Betterment and Interest 1940		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$ 186.92	
Cash		$ 150.39
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1941		36.53
	$ 186.92	$ 186.92
Sewer Betterment and Interest 1941		
Commitment	$ 552.66	
Cash		$ 401.33
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1941		151.33
	$ 552.66	$ 552.66
Sewer Rentals		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$ 1,071.83	
Commitments	9,755.28	
Cash		$ 9,473.88
Transferred to Tax Titles		55.46
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1941		1,297.77
	$ 10,827.11	$ 10,827.11
Sidewalk Betterment Unapportioned		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$ 2,251.25	
Commitments	4,187.51	
Cash		1,158.57
Abatements		10.00
Apportioned 1941-1950		1,416.86
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1941		3,853.33
	$ 6,438.76	$ 6,438.76
Sidewalk Betterment and Interest 1939		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$ 102.11	
Cash		$ 101.60
Transferred to Tax Titles		.51
	$ 102.11	$ 102.11
Sidewalk Betterment and Interest 1940		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$ 356.58	

Cash		$ 222.37
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1941		134.21
	$ 356.58	$ 356.58

Sidewalk Betterment and Interest 1941

Commitments	$ 1,362.32	
Refunds	7.28	
Cash		$ 1,108.65
Transferred to Tax Titles		16.99
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1941		243.96
	$ 1,369.60	$ 1,369.60

Highway Betterment Unapportioned

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$ 6,915.72	
Commitment	1,771.47	
Cash		$ 303.80
Abatements		1,286.81
Apportioned 1941-1950		5,340.62
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1941		1,755.96
	$ 8,687.19	$ 8,687.19

Highway Betterment and Interest 1939

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$ 328.40	
Refunds	6.93	
Cash		$ 260.50
Abatements		28.56
Transferred to Tax Titles		46.27
	$ 335.33	$ 335.33

Highway Betterment and Interest 1940

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$ 882.13	
Refunds	7.37	
Cash		$ 521.86
Abatements		30.35
Transferred to Tax Titles		34.00
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1941		303.29
	$ 889.50	$ 889.50

Highway Betterment and Interest 1941		
Commitments	$ 3,108.51	
Refunds	6.23	
Cash		$ 2,121.76
Transferred to Tax Titles		245.88
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1941		747.10
	$ 3,114.74	$ 3,114.74

BETTERMENT ASSESSMENTS DUE 1941-1950

Sewer House Connections Assessments		
Apportioned 1941-1950	$ 410.19	
Added to Taxes 1941		$ 84.61
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1941		325.58
	$ 410.19	$ 410.19
Sewer Assessments		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$ 2,355.16	
Apportioned in 1941	539.15	
Cash Advance Payments		$ 43.08
Added to Taxes 1941		389.78
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1941		2,461.45
	$ 2,894.31	$ 2.894.31
Sidewalk Assessments		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$ 3,407.40	
Apportioned in 1941	1,416.86	
Cash, Advance Payments		$ 185.88
Added to Taxes 1941		1,104.54
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1941		3,533.84
	$ 4,824.26	$ 4,824.26
Highway Assessments		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$ 9,208.25	
Apportioned in 1941	5,340.62	
Cash, Advance Payments		$ 199.67
Added to Taxes 1941		2,356.15
Abatements		157.68
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1941		11,835.37
	$ 14,548.87	$ 14,548.87

Cemetery Lots, Sales and Bequests:		
Deferred Payments:		
Charges: Sales 1941	$ 425.00	
Bequests 1941	595.00	
Cash: Sales		$ 275.00
Bequests		385.00
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1941		360.00
	$ 1,020.00	$ 1,020.00
Tax Titles:		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$ 11,765.46	
Tax Takings 1941	9,068.34	
Cash, Redemption of Property		$ 7,028.23
Abatements		41.76
Foreclosures 1941		478.80
Adjustment entry		10.00
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1941		13,275.01
	$ 20.833.80	$ 20,833.80
Tax Titles Possessions:		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$ 5,096.91	
Foreclosures 1941	478.80	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1941		$ 5,575.71
	$ 5,575.71	$ 5,575.71
State Aid—Highways:		
Allotment from State for Lowell St.	$ 7,500.00	
Charles St.	7,500.00	
Maintenance	2,000.00	
Receipts		$ 13,876.69
Adjustment Entry		310.63
Balance due from State		2,812.68
	$ 17,000.00	$ 17,000.00
County Aid—Highways:		
Allotment from County for Lowell St.	$ 3,750.00	
Charles St.	3,750.00	
Maintenance	2,000.00	
Receipts		$ 7,846.71
Adjustment Entry		310.63
Balance due from County		1,342.66
	$ 9,500.00	$ 9,500.00

Reserve for Tax Title Loan		
From E. & D. Account:		
Receipts Redemptions of Property		$ 6,087.57
Payments on Loans	$ 5,991.81	
Balance Dec. 31, 1941	95.76	
	$ 6,087.57	$ 6,087.57
Overlay 1936:		
Balance, Deficit, Jan. 1, 1941	$ 16.00	
Appropriation		$ 16.00
	$ 16.00	$ 16.00
Overlay 1937:		
Balance, Deficit, Jan. 1, 1941	$ 75.52	
Abatements	18.00	
Appropriation		$ 75.52
Balance to 1942		18.00
	$ 93.52	$ 93.52
Overlay 1938:		
Balance Jan. 1, 1941		$ 277.94
Abatements	$ 92.00	
Transfer to Overlay Reserve	185.94	
	$ 277.94	$ 277.94
Overlay 1939:		
Balance, Deficit, Jan. 1, 1941	$ 398.43	
Abatements	822.29	
Appropriation		$ 586.28
Balance Dec. 31, 1941		634.14
	$ 1,220.72	$ 1,220.72
Overlay 1940:		
Balance Jan. 1, 1941		$ 2,933.37
Abatements	$ 2,349.77	
Balance Dec. 31, 1941	583.60	
	$ 2,933.37	$ 2,933.37

Overlay 1941:		
Appropriation		$ 7,577.85
Abatements	$ 9,770.45	
Balance Dec. 31, 1941		2,192.60
	$ 9,770.45	$ 9,770.45
Overlay Reserve:		
Balance Jan. 1, 1941		$ 1,674.79
Transfer from Overlay 1938		185.94
Balance Dec. 31, 1941		1,860.73
Water Department Rates, etc.:		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$ 2,880.18	
Commitments	63,348.05	
Cash Refunds	73.69	
Adjustment entry	5.60	
Cash Receipts		$ 61,752.49
Discounts and Credits		450.83
Transferred to Water Liens		75.70
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1941		4,028.45
	$ 66,307.52	$ 66,307.52
Water Liens, Receivable:		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$ 353.28	
Commitments	106.27	
Cash		$ 151.16
Added to Taxes 1941		273.29
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1941		35.10
	$ 459.55	$ 459.55
Water Liens Added to Taxes 1939:		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$ 86.32	
Cash		$ 80.17
Transferred to Tax Titles		6.15
	$ 86.32	$ 86.32
Water Liens Added to Taxes 1940:		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$ 145.68	
Cash		$ 63.25
Transferred to Tax Titles		10.95
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1941		71.48
	$ 145.63	$ 145.68

Water Liens Added to Taxes 1941:

Commitment	$ 273.29	
Cash		$ 180.25
Transferred to Tax Titles		38.84
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1941		54.20
	$ 273.29	$ 273.29

Water Available Surplus:

Balance Jan. 1, 1941		$ 9,490.04
Transferred from Water Reserve		7,292.43
Transferred to Water Dept. Maint.	$ 9,490.04	
Balance Dec. 31, 1941	7,292.43	
	$ 16,782.47	$ 16,782.47

Light Department Rates, etc.:

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$ 40,681.80	
Commitments	494,466.00	
Cash		$467,197.52
Discounts and Credits		29,938.49
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1941		38,011.79
	$535,147.80	$535,147.80

Light Department Consumers' Deposits:

Balance Jan. 1, 1941	$ 10,335.54	
Cash Receipts	4,360.00	
Cash Refunds		$ 3,691.00
Balance Dec. 31, 1941		11,004.54
	$ 14,695.54	$ 14,695.54

Cemetery Reserve Fund:

Balance Jan. 1, 1941		$ 5,491.33
Cash Receipts		838.46
Transferred to Laurel Hill	$ 950.00	
Transferred to Forest Glen	300.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1941	5,079.79	
	$ 6,329.79	$ 6,329.79

DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS

Accounts Receivable:		
Welfare, Outside Relief:		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$ 15,413.72	
Commitments	17,027.68	
Adjustment Entries	312.98	
Refund	27.65	
Cash		$ 16,903.91
Adjustment Entries		1,398.12
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1941		14,480.00
	$ 37,782.03	$ 37,782.03
Welfare, Old Age Assistance:		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$ 3,759.66	
Charges in 1941	11.15	
Adjustment Entries		$ 2,292.32
Cash		1,400.42
Balance Dec. 31, 1941		78.07
	$ 3,770.81	$ 3,770.81
Welfare, Old Age Assistance:		
Due from State:		
Commitments	$ 32,232.49	
Cash		32,232.49
	$ 32,232.49	$ 32,232.49
Welfare, Aid Dependent Children:		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$ 1,338.19	
Cash		$ 575.75
Adjustment entries		762.44
	$ 1,338.19	$ 1,338.19
Health Department:		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$ 5,867.07	
Commitments	1,455.83	
Cash		1,864.41
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1941		5,458.49
	$ 7,322.90	$ 7,322.90

School Department Tuition:		
Outstanding Jan 1, 1941	$ 6,778.10	
Commitments	13,711.58	
Cash		14,351.62
Disallowances		484.05
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1941		5,654.01
	$ 20,489.68	$ 20,489.68
State and Military Aid:		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$ 892.50	
Commitment	1,399.50	
Cash		$ 1,647.50
Adjustment entry		20.00
Balance Dec. 31, 1941		624.50
	$ 2,292.00	$ 2,292.00
Sundry Accounts:		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941	$ 1,189.33	
Commitments	4,826.87	
Cash		$ 3,369.32
Transferred to Taxes		486.00
Adjustment entry		1.50
Balance Dec. 31, 1941		2,159.38
	$ 6,016.20	$ 6,016.20

CLASSIFICATION OF PAYMENTS

General Government:

Selectmen's Expenses, Appropriation		$ 500.00
Telephone	$ 99.71	
Printing and Stationery	96.25	
Postage and Box Rent	38.25	
Towel Supply	16.90	
Selectmen's Association	23.54	
Hearing Expense	104.55	
Signs	18.00	
Binding Reports	21.30	
Forms and Office Supplies	40.01	

Cemetery Markers	24.00	
All Other	2.00	
Total Payments	$ 484.51	
Balance to Revenue	15.49	
	$ 500.00	
Selectmen's Clerical, Appropriation		$ 1,310.00
Salary, Clerk	$ 1,310.00	
Town Accountant's Salary, Appropriation		$ 2,000.00
Salary, Town Accountant	$ 2,000.00	
Treasurer's Salary, Appropriation		$ 1,200.00
Salary, Treasurer	$ 1,200.00	
Treasurer's Expenses, Appropriation		$ 700.00
Telephone	$ 55.65	
Postage	327.96	
Office Supplies	123.86	
Certification of Notes	100.50	
All Other	22.00	
Total Payments	$ 629.97	
Balance to Revenue	$ 70.03	
	$ 700.00	
Treasurer's Clerical, Appropriation		$ 375.00
Clerk Hire	$ 363.50	
Balance to Revenue	11.50	
	$ 375.00	
Collector's Salary, Appropriation		$ 2,300.00
Salary, Collector	$ 2,300.00	
Collector's Expenses, Appropriation		$ 1,020.00
Telephone	$ 52.60	
Postage	279.76	
Stationery and Printing	233.13	
Advertising	81.00	
Books	196.83	
Towel Supply	8.40	
Office Equipment	23.30	
Bond, Deputy Collector	10.00	
Registry of Deeds	33.35	

Notarizing	18.50	
All Other	26.18	
Total Payments	$ 963.05	
Balance to Revenue	56.95	
	$ 1,020.00	
Collector's Clerical, Appropriation		$ 600.00
Clerk Hire	$ 600.00	
Board of Assessors' Salaries, Appropriation		$ 1,800.00
Salaries, Assessors	$ 1,750.00	
Balance to Revenue	50.00	
	$ 1,800.00	
Board of Assessors' Expenses, Appropriation		$ 1,500.00
Refund		2.10
		$ 1,502.10
Assistant Assessors	$ 189.25	
Telephone	49.90	
Postage	$ 42.00	
Statutory Books and Forms	99.13	
Towel Supply	11.90	
Office Supplies and Printing	295.46	
Auto Hire	53.40	
Registry of Deeds	58.64	
Association Meetings	88.50	
Appelate Board	20.85	
New Plans and Corrections	584.25	
Total Payments	$ 1,493.28	
Balance to Revenue	8.82	
	$ 1,502.10	
Board of Assessors' Clerical, Appropriation		$ 2,600.00
Salaries, Clerks	$ 2,600.00	
Town Counsel's Salary, Appropriation		$ 1,000.00
Salary, Counsel	$ 1,000.00	
Town Counsel's Expenses, Appropriation		$ 550.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		128.00
		$ 678.00

Stenographic Services	$ 441.20		
Telephone and Miscellaneous Expense	112.48		
Court Costs	72.88		
Stationery and Supplies	26.60		
Recording Deeds, etc.	8.15		
Decisions and Annotated Laws	8.00		
Total Payments	669.31		
Balance to Revenue	8.69		
	$ 678.00		
Town Clerk's Salary, Appropriation		$	1,000.00
Salary, Town Clerk	$ 1,000.00		
Town Clerk's Expenses, Appropriation		$	600.00
Vital Statistics	$ 165.00		
Recording Births, Marriages and Deaths	22.50		
Binding	50.50		
Stationery and Printing	223.14		
Postage	20.25		
All Other	.25		
Total Payments	$ 481.64		
Balance to Revenue	118.36		
	$ 600.00		
Board of Registrars' Salaries, Appropriation		$	315.00
Salaries, Board of Registrars	$ 302.50		
Balance to Revenue	12.50		
	$ 315.00		
Board of Registrars' Expenses, Spec. Appro.		$	960.00
Clerical	$ 892.00		
Stationery	63.75		
Total Payments	$ 955.75		
Balance to Revenue	4.25		
	$ 960.00		
Election and Registration, Appropriation		$	700.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund			300.00
		$	1,000.00

Election Officers	$ 416.70	
Stationery and Printing	156.54	
Installing Booths	35.70	
Rent of Hall	158.00	
Warrants and Advertising	185.50	
Total Payments	$ 952.44	
Balance to Revenue	47.56	
	$ 1,000.00	
Planning Board Expenses, Appropriation		$ 400.00
Blue Prints and Maps	$ 17.50	
Federation of Planning Boards	15.00	
Prof. Frederick J. Adams	150.00	
Revision of Map No. 1	77.00	
Total Payments	$ 259.50	
Balance to Revenue	140.50	
	$ 400.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses, Appropriation		$ 3,900.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		50.00
Appropriation for Civilian Defense		8,680.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund for Civ. Def.		400.00
		$ 13,030.00
Clerical Services	$ 1,190.00	
Printing Town Report	1,175.25	
Other Printing and Stationery	359.67	
Old South Clock	170.10	
Finance Committee Expenses	160.00	
Board of Appeal Expenses	78.00	
Inspector of Wires Expenses	179.91	
Inspector of Building Expenses	12.06	
Defense Committee Expenses	523.25	
Dog Officer	33.84	
Lighting War Memorial	18.39	
Hearing Expenses	25.00	
Legal Services	400.00	
Police Services	24.00	
Reading Signs	6.38	
Channel House	4.14	

Line Rd. House	4.70	
All Other	30.35	
Total Payments	$ 4,395.04	
Balance to 1942 Civilian Defense	8,556.75	
Balance to Revenue	78.21	
	$ 13,030.00	
Municipal Building Expenses, Appropriation		$ 2,200.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		50.00
Refund		29.99
		$ 2,279.99
Janitor's Services	$ 905.01	
Janitor's Supplies	194.29	
Fuel	317.00	
Lighting	416.55	
Water and Sewer	31.71	
Ash Removal	8.00	
Repairs, Building and Grounds	263.75	
Furniture	43.45	
Flags	18.80	
Total Payments	$ 2,198.56	
Balance to Revenue	81.43	
	$ 2,279.99	

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department Salaries, Appropriation		$ 36,740.00
Salary, Chief	$ 2,800.00	
Salaries, Sergeants	4,800.00	
Salaries, Patrolmen	21,490.48	
Reserve Officers	5,538.75	
Special Officers	42.50	
Clerk	1,040.00	
Keeper of Lock Up	100.00	
Total Payments	$ 35,811.73	
Balance to Revenue	928.27	
	$ 36,740.00	

Police Department Maintenance, Appropriation		$ 4,950.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		83.65
		$ 5,033.65
Chief's Expenses	$ 56.29	
Telephone Expense	195.28	
Gasoline	789.62	
Traffic Lights	781.63	
Traffic Lanes and Signs	332.40	
Radio Service and Repairs	299.65	
Printing and Stationery	363.50	
Coats, Caps and Boots	159.95	
Auto Repairs	540.91	
Target Practice	107.94	
Teletype	511.84	
New Car	370.25	
Ammunition	130.00	
Additional Equipment	62.00	
All Other	205.75	
Total Payments	$ 4,907.01	
Balance to Revenue	126.64	
	$ 5,033.65	
Police Station Maintenance, Appropriation		$ 1,415.00
Water and Sewer	$ 65.03	
Gas and Electricity	208.01	
Fuel	323.57	
Repairs	21.43	
Janitor's Supplies	66.76	
Janitory's Salary	600.00	
Laundry	26.69	
Total Payments	$ 1,311.49	
Balance to Revenue	103.51	
	$ 1,415.00	
Fire Department Salaries, Appropriation		$ 20,000.00
Salary, Chief	$ 2,600.00	
Salary, Deputy Chief	2,400.00	
Salary, Captain	2,300.00	

Salary, Lieutenant	2,200.00	
Salaries, Men	10,500.00	
Total Payments	$ 20,000.00	
Fire Department Salaries, Call Men, Appro.		$ 3,546.00
Salaries, Captains	$ 280.25	
Salaries, Men	3,242.67	
Total Payments	$ 3,522.92	
Balance to Revenue	23.08	
	$ 3,546.00	
O. O. Ordway, Pension, Appropriation		$ 1,300.00
Pension Payments	$ 1,300.00	
Fire Department Maintenance, Appro.		$ 3,455.00
Appropriation December		1,170.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		200.00
Refund		.25
		$ 4,825.25
Chief's Expenses	$ 17.45	
Telephone	192.44	
Laundry	247.78	
Bedding, Towels, etc.	11.21	
Motor Apparatus Maintenance	484.43	
Gasoline and Oil	407.23	
Repairs Other Equipment	63.74	
New Hose	2,189.60	
New Appliances	105.84	
Equipment and Supplies	279.57	
Office Expenses	72.04	
Boots, Coats, Helmets, etc.	151.24	
Forest Fires	531.41	
All Other	66.78	
Total Payments	$ 4,820.76	
Balance to Revenue	4.49	
	$ 4,825.25	
Fire Stations Maintenance, Appro.		$ 1,290.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		150.00
		$ 1,440.00

Central Station:		
Gas	$ 60.86	
Fuel	477.46	
Building Repairs	142.01	
Lighting	89.70	
Water and Sewer	59.80	
Supplies	196.16	
	$ 1,025.99	
Engine No. 2 House:		
Fuel	$ 251.91	
Building Repairs	7.65	
Lighting	15.05	
Water and Sewer	12.00	
Supplies	10.90	
Steward	100.00	
	$ 397.51	
Total Payments	$ 1,423.50	
Balance to Revenue	16.50	
	$ 1,440.00	
Fire Alarm Maintenance, Appro.		$ 1,625.00
Salary of Superintendent	$ 250.00	
Pay Roll	606.06	
Auto Truck Express	41.97	
Power and Lighting	48.09	
Supplies, Material and Equipment	673.89	
All Other	1.55	
Total Payments	$ 1,621.56	
Balance to Revenue	3.44	
	$ 1,625.00	
Fire Alarm Underground Ext. Special Appro.		$ 2,500.00
Pay Roll	$ 1,071.01	
Supplies, Material and Equipment	1,426.44	
Total Payments	$ 2,497.45	
Balance to Revenue	2.55	
	$ 2,500.00	

Fire Alarm New Boxes		$ 400.00
Pay Roll	$ 57.60	
Supplies, Material and Equipment	341.66	
Total Payments	$ 399.26	
Balance to Revenue	.74	
	$ 400.00	
Fire Truck		
Balance from 1940		$ 5,000.00
Loan Issued		9,500.00
		$ 14,500.00
Seagrave Corporation	$ 14,497.48	
Balance to 1942	2.52	
	$ 14,500.00	
Moth Department Maintenance, Appro.		$ 5,100.00
Salary, Superintendent	$ 1,800.00	
Pay Roll	1,989.76	
Telephone	52.08	
Printing and Postage	54.60	
Rent of Barn	144.00	
Hose and Supplies	824.36	
Equipment Maintenance Expense	225.33	
All Other	9.16	
Total Payments	$ 5,099.29	
Balance to Revenue	.71	
	$ 5,100.00	
Tree Warden Maintenance, Appro.		$ 3,200.00
Salary, Tree Warden	$ 400.00	
Pay Roll	1,538.94	
Supplies	292.97	
Trees	530.50	
Loam	69.50	
Truck Expense	315.13	

Lumber		28.86	
All Other		22.50	
Total Payments	$	3,198.40	
Balance to Revenue		1.60	
	$	3,200.00	
Hydrant Rentals, Appropriation			$ 5,562.00
Water Department	$	5,562.00	
Drinking Fountains, Appropriation			$ 100.00
Water Department	$	100.00	
Inspector of Buildings Salary, Appro.			$ 500.00
Salary, Inspector	$	500.00	
Inspector Wires, Salary, Appro.			$ 200.00
Salary, Inspector	$	200.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures, Salary, Appro.			$ 500.00
Salary, Sealer	$	500.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures, Exp. Appro.			$ 250.00
Transportation of Weights	$	201.78	
Equipment		32.97	
Total Payments	$	234.75	
Balance to Revenue		15.25	
	$	250.00	
Board of Health Salaries, Appro.			$ 300.00
Salary, Secretary	$	150.00	
Salaries, Other Members		150.00	
Total Payments	$	300.00	
Board of Health Expenses, Appro.			$ 225.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund			50.00
Refund			.25
			$ 275.25
Telephone	$	57.09	
Printing and Stationery		43.75	
Inspector of Milk and Food		66.00	
Disposition of Animals		79.50	

Supplies		5.21	
All Other		9.25	
Total Payments	$	260.80	
Balance to Revenue		14.45	
	$	275.25	
Inspector of Plumbing Salary, Appro.			$ 500.00
Salary, Inspector	$	500.00	
Inspector of Milk and Food			$ 200.00
Salary, Inspector	$	200.00	
Game Warden Salary, Appropriation			$ 100.00
Salary, Game Warden	$	100.00	
Dog Officer's Salary, Appropriation			$ 300.00
Salary, Dog Officer	$	300.00	
Inspector of Animals, Salary, Appropriation			$ 200.00
Salary, Inspector	$	200.00	
Care of Contagious Diseases, Appro.			$ 7,000.00
Refund			17.00
			$ 7,017.00
Lakeville San.	$	357.00	
Middlesex County San.		4,838.50	
Mass. Memorial Hospital		1,216.00	
Medical Care		441.00	
Health Inspection		300.00	
Rabies Inoculation		120.00	
Mass. General Hospital		145.51	
Supplies		176.21	
Total Payments	$	7,594.22	
Overdraft		577.22	
	$	7,017.00	
Garbage Collection, Appropriation			$ 2,500.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund			200.00
			$ 2,700.00
Contract Payments	$	2,700.00	

Dental Clinic, Appropriation			$ 650.00
Expenses	$ 650.00		
Child Welfare, Appropriation			$ 400.00
Expenses	$ 400.00		
Street Lighting, Appropriation			$ 14,000.00
Municipal Light Department	$ 14,000.00		

General Aid 1941

Balance from 1940			$ 1,990.24
Appropriation			40,000.00
Refunds and Credits			396.53
Payments:			
Cash Aid	$ 8,359.71		
Labor Cash	2,123.35		
Board	2,419.03		
Shelter	3,596.70		
Food	5,244.03		
Fuel and Light	1,263.61		
Medical and Hospital	3,008.86		
Clothing	447.01		
Household Necessities	11.92		
Massachusetts Hospital School, Canton	300.83		
Div. Child Guardianship, Comm. of Mass.	1,305.68		
House of the Good Samaritan	395.50		
State Infirmary, Tewksbury	117.00		
Burials	170.00		
Paid other Cities and Towns	3,753.10		
Unallocated Payments:			
Transportation of Receipients	$ 227.43		
Gasoline and Oil, Trucking	134.67		
Truck Maintenance	299.94		
Wood Yard Expense	48.81		
Wood, by cord	248.01		
Surplus Comm. Distri. Center:			
Paid for Fed. Surplus Milk	550.44		
Proportion Warehouse Rent	78.00		
Apportionment Adm. Exp.	479.06	2,066.36	
Small Truck replacement		535.00	
Other		25.53	
Total Payments		$ 35,143.22	

Transfers to:		
Old Age Assistance	$ 500.00	
Spec. Comm. Low-Cost Housing	1,000.00	
Board of Health	1,000.00	
Fire Department Maintenance	500.00	
Civilian Defense Account	4,000.00	
Balance to Revenue	243.55	
	$ 42,386.77	$ 42,386.77

General Aid Administrative 1941

Appropriation		$ 6,700.00
Payments:		
Salaries:		
Supervisory and Clerical	$ 1,467.29	
Visiting and Investigation	1,904.81	
Wood Yard and Truck Foreman	975.36	
Employment Research	851.00	
Visitors' Expense, Travel	146.63	
Welfare Board and Supervisory Expense	243.47	
Employment Research Expense, Travel	99.75	
Office Supplies	117.60	
Office Equipment	69.48	
Printing and Postage	69.34	
Telephone	121.42	
Social Service Index	10.03	
Office Building Maintenance	189.47	
Other	1.50	
Total Payments	$ 6,267.15	
Transferred to Civilian Defense Account	204.35	
Balance to Revenue	228.50	
	$ 6,700.00	$ 6,700.00

Aid to Dependent Children 1941

Appropriation		$ 18,000.00
Federal Grants		5,966.25
Refund		13.09
Payments:		
Regular Cash Assistance	$ 19,351.77	

Special Cash Allowances:			
Medical:			
Doctors	$ 258.00		
Nursing	10.50		
Dental	115.00		
Optical	34.30		
Hospital	136.68		
Medicine	40.71	595.19	
Fuel		40.11	
Clothing		26.57	
Other		10.50	
Total Payments		$ 20,024.14	
Transferred to:			
Old Age Assistance		3,000.00	
Civilian Defense Account		900.00	
Balance to Revenue		55.11	
		$ 23,979.25	$ 23,979.25

Aid to Dependent Children Administrative

Appropriation			$ 500.00
Federal Grants			412.08
Payments:			
Salaries:			
Supervisory and Clerical		$ 443.71	
Visiting and Investigation		214.19	
Wood Yard and Truck Foreman		86.64	
Visiting and Supervisory, Travel Expense		53.74	
Employment Research Expense, Travel		17.80	
Office Supplies		17.45	
Office Equipment		9.52	
Printing and Postage		16.16	
Telephone		6.98	
Social Service Index		2.72	
Building Maintenance		12.43	
Total Payments		$ 881.34	
Balance to Revenue		.12	
Balance to 1942		30.62	
		$ 912.08	$ 912.08

Old Age Assistance

Appropriation			$ 46,500.00
Federal Grants			42,441.74
Transfers:			
From General Aid			500.00
From Aid to Dependent Children			3,000.00
Refunds			57.76
Payments:			
Regular Cash Assistance		$ 86,126.12	
Special Cash Allowances:			
Medical:			
Doctors' Fees	$ 1,128.50		
Hospital Charges	1,218.27		
Police Ambulance	30.00		
Medicine	489.68		
Nursing	615.90		
Optical	105.00		
Dental	92.00	3,679.35	
Fuel		44.63	
Clothing		36.96	
Other		3.50	
Payments on Account of Deceased Persons:			
Burial Expense		$ 1,050.00	
Doctors' Charges and Nursing		212.00	
Medicine		35.76	
Board and Care		8.54	
Hospital		227.75	
Police Ambulance		21.00	
Payments to Other Cities and Towns		721.74	
Total Payments		$ 92,167.35	
Balance to Revenue		332.15	
		$ 92,499.50	$ 92,499.50

Old Age Assistance Administrative

Appropriation		$ 2,500.00
Federal Grants		1,413.32
Payments:		
Salaries, Supt., Clerical and Inv.	$ 3,312.00	
Office Supplies and Equipment	77.15	

Travel Expense	29.28	
Stationery and Printing	116.61	
Postage	72.25	
Telephone	75.47	
Office Building Maintenance	119.28	
Miscelianeous	39.35	
Total Payments	$ 3,841.39	
Balance to Revenue	71.93	
	$ 3,913.32	$ 3,913.32

Soldiers' Relief

Balance from 1940		$ 156.35
Appropriation		10,000.00
Refund		20.00
		$ 10,176.35
Cash Pay Roll	$ 6,509.20	
Work Pay Roll	824.20	
Food	267.88	
Fuel	281.61	
Medical, medicine	224.18	
Clothing	6.75	
Rent	128.50	
Office Supplies	14.50	
Agent's Salary and Expenses	674.38	
Visiting Nurse	78.25	
Hospital Fees	37.00	
Ambulance Charge	15.00	
Surplus Commodities Expense	79.57	
Total Payments	$ 9,140.92	
Transfer to Fire Dept.	290.00	
	$ 9,430.92	
Balance to Revenue	745.43	
	$ 10,176.35	

State Aid

Appropriation		$ 600.00
Payments	$ 360.00	
Balance to Revenue	240.00	
	$ 600.00	

Military Aid

Appropriation		$ 1,000.00
Payments	$ 529.00	
Balance to Revenue	471.00	
	$ 1,000.00	

Works Projects Administration

Balance from 1940		$ 7,914.18
1941 Appropriation		16,000.00
Tax Title		7,000.00
Refunds, Gas Tax, etc.		98.25
		$ 31,012.43
Administration and Engineering	$ 4,583.89	
Building Account	1,093.94	
Toy Project	760.22	
Recreation	1,022.27	
Playground Salaries	421.60	
Federal Commodities	637.41	
Stone Bounds Survey	73.13	
Gasoline Account	1,062.78	
Insurance Account	251.76	
First Aid Account	32.52	
Truck Account	615.86	
Tool Account	868.01	
Forest Glen Cemetery	1,399.69	
Charles Street	1,118.83	
Housekeeping Aids	41.69	
Quannapowitt Drainage	2,255.26	
Emergency Account	118.08	
Veterans' Graves Registration	52.20	
Pearl St. School Grounds	105.82	
School Lunch Project	190.79	
Fire Records	180.15	
Moth Project	267.77	
Rip-Rap Open Ditches	552.78	

Town Forest	14.96	
Tracing Project	27.63	
Tree Surgery	343.93	
Town Vault Records	11.20	
Miscellaneous Account	668.61	
	$ 18,772.73	
Less transferred to Charles St. Account	958.46	
Net Payments	$ 17,814.32	
Transferred to Charles St. Account	1,000.00	
Transferred to Drainage Account	6,000.00	
Balance to 1942	6,198.11	
	$ 31,012.43	

Education

School Department General Salaries, Appro.		$196,000.00
Supt. Principals, Teachers	$164,443.31	
Substitutes	1,111.50	
Attendance Officer	593.02	
School Nurse	1,781.22	
Medical Inspection	1,000.00	
Janitors	18,889.75	
Clerical	8,171.80	
Total Payments	$195,990.60	
Balance to Revenue	9.40	
	$196,000.00	
School Department General Maint. Appro.		$35,440.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		278.50
Refund		4.64
		$ 35,723.14
Textbooks	$ 3,678.22	
Supplies	6,824.80	
General Control Expense	2,511.60	
Supervision Expense	504.13	
Principals' Office Expenses	390.78	
Commencement	303.25	
Other Expenses of Instruction	521.49	
Compulsory Attendance	61.05	
Medical Service	33.20	

Nurse Service	359.48	
Fuel	5,263.05	
Other Expenses of Operation	6,923.75	
Maintenance	5,225.20	
Capital Outlay	3,117.32	
Total Payments	$ 35,717.32	
Balance to Revenue	5.82	
	$ 35,723.14	
Transportation Appropriation		$ 9,500.00
Expended	$ 9,126.02	
Balance to Revenue	373.98	
	$ 9,500.00	
School Cafeterias Appropriation		$ 10,000.00
Transfer		159.51
		$ 10,159.51
Pay Roll	$ 2,337.60	
Supplies	7,812.23	
Total Payments	10,149.83	
Balance to Revenue	9.68	
	$ 10,159.51	
Industrial Tuition Appropriation		$ 1,000.00
City of Beverly	$ 2.70	
City of Boston	225.82	
City of Malden	80.85	
City of Medford	263.29	
City of Somerville	280.01	
Essex County	64.00	
Norfolk County	60.00	
Total Payments	$ 976.67	
Balance to Revenue	23.33	
	$ 1,000.00	

Cemeteries

Laurel Hill Cemetery

Laurel Hill Cemetery, Appropriation		$ 8,900.00
Trans. from Cem. Res. Fund		950.00
Trans. from Cem. Beq. Fund		2,373.78
Trans. from Care Soldiers' Graves		89.00
		$ 12,312.78
Payments:		
Superintendent's Salary	$ 2,600.00	
Pay Rolls	7,047.23	
Materials and Supplies	2,657.48	
Total Payments	$ 12,304.71	
Balance to Revenue	8.07	
	$ 12,312.78	

Forest Glen Cemetery

Forest Glen Cemetery, Appropriation		$ 1,200.00
Trans. from Cem. Res. Fund		300.00
Trans. from Cem. Beq. Fund		76.50
Trans. from Care Soldiers' Graves		85.00
		$ 1,661.50
Pay Rolls	$ 1,155.85	
Supplies	496.88	
Total Payments	$ 1,652.73	
Balance to Revenue	8.77	
	$ 1,661.50	
Public Library Salaries, Appro.		$ 5,550.00
Librarian Salary	$ 1,500.00	
Assistants	3,201.72	
Janitor	780.00	
Total Payments	$ 5,481.72	
Balance to Revenue	68.28	
	$ 5,550.00	

Public Library Maintenance, Appro.		$ 3,475.00
Transfer		25.00
		$ 3,500.00
Telephone	$ 47.34	
Books and Periodicals	2,544.44	
Binding and Cleaning Books	179.97	
Printing and Supplies	157.13	
Furniture and Equipment	24.15	
Fuel	172.50	
Light	149.56	
Water and Sewer	12.00	
Building Repairs	115.94	
Ash Removal	6.63	
All Other	51.88	
Total Payments	$ 3,486.54	
Balance to Revenue	13.46	
	$ 3,500.00	

Department of Public Works

Administrative Office, Appropriation		$ 6,335.00
Superintendent's Salary	$ 3,453.94	
Clerical	1,921.25	
Telephones	268.06	
Office Supplies	236.60	
Printing and Advertising	60.50	
Plans and Engineering Supplies	255.27	
All Other	139.29	
Total Payments	$ 6,334.91	
Balance to Revenue	.09	
	$ 6,335.00	

Highway Department:

Appropriation	$ 45,375.00
Receipts: Refunds Gas Tax, etc.	319.58
Transfer from Reserve Fund	450.00
	$ 46,144.58

Payments:		
Pay Roll	$ 18,971.97	
Road Material	10,984.98	
Gas and Oil	2,336.18	
Repairs	3,200.91	
Tires and Tubes	2,535.28	
Curbing	1,468.94	
Supplies and Tools	3,279.43	
All Other	2,366.89	
Total Payments	$ 45,144.58	
Transfer to Chap. 90 Maint.	1,000.00	
	$ 46,144.58	
Maintenance of Storm Drains, Appro.		$ 3,500.00
Pay Roll	$ 2,691.92	
Supplies, etc.	808.08	
Total Payments	$ 3,500.00	
Storm Drain Development, Appro.		$ 8,000.00
Pay Roll	$ 4,854.72	
Pipe and Supplies	3,145.28	
Total Payments	$ 8,000.00	
Sidewalk Construction, Appropriation		$ 10,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		750.00
		$ 10,750.00
Pay Roll	$ 7,559.65	
Material, etc.	3,189.97	
Total Payments	$ 10,749.62	
Balance to Revenue	.38	
	$ 10,750.00	
Special Labor Account, Appropriation		$ 7,000.00
Pay Roll	$ 6,700.14	
Balance to Revenue	299.86	
	$ 7,000.00	

Snow and Ice Removal, Appropriation		$ 12,200.00
Pay Roll	$ 7,560.62	
Plowing and Hauling	1,336.14	
Equipment Expense	879.17	
All Other	2,424.07	
Total Payments	$ 12,200.00	
Pilgrim Road Street Betterment Appro.		$ 881.00
Pay Roll	$ 648.57	
Material	214.34	
Transfer to Highway	18.09	
Total Payments	$ 881.00	
Bond Street Betterment Appropriation		$ 1,300.00
Pay Roll	$ 593.13	
Material	338.09	
Transfer to Highway	9.18	
Total Payments	$ 940.40	
Balance to 1942	359.60	
	$ 1,300.00	
Wescroft Road Street Betterment Appro.		$ 3,822.00
Pay Roll	$ 892.23	
Material	716.48	
Transfer to Highway	10.55	
Total Payments	$ 1,619.26	
Balance to 1942	2,202.74	
	$ 3,822.00	
Coolidge Road Street Betterment Appro.		$ 1,281.00
Pay Roll	$ 634.93	
Material	643.35	
Transfer to Highway	2.72	
Total Payments	$ 1,281.00	

Springvale Road Street Betterment Appro.		$ 2,568.00
Pay Roll	$ 994.36	
Material	1,110.94	
Transfer to Highway	6.08	
Total Payments	$ 2,111.38	
Balance to 1942	456.62	
	$ 2,568.00	
West Hill Circle Street Betterment Appro.		$ 891.00
Pay Roll	$ 1.07	
Material	45.50	
Transfer to Highway	10.37	
Total Payments	$ 56.94	
Balance to 1942	834.06	
	$ 891.00	
County Road Street Betterment Appro.		$ 510.00
Pay Roll	$ 326.01	
Material	151.71	
Transfer to Highway	32.28	
Total Payments	$ 510.00	
New Equipment Appropriation		$ 11,000.00
Dodge Pick-up Truck	630.50	
Chevrolet Truck	792.05	
Body for Truck	373.70	
Gasoline Shovel	9,000.00	
Advertising	3.75	
	$ 11,000.00	
Chapter 90 Maintenance:		
Transferred from Highway Maint.		$ 1,000.00
Aid from State		1,000.00
Aid from County		1,000.00
		$ 3,000.00
Pay Roll	$ 1,209.92	
Material	1,783.08	
Transfer to Highway	7.00	
Total Payments	$ 3,000.00	

Chapter 90 Construction Charles Street:		
Appropriation		$ 4,500.00
Received from State		7,500.00
Received from County		3,750.00
		$ 15,750.00
Pay Roll	$ 7,332.43	
Supplies and Miscellaneous	8,417.57	
Total Payments	$ 15,750.00	
Chapter 90 Construction Lowell Street:		
Appropriation		$ 4,500.00
Received from State		7,500.00
Received from County		3,750.00
		$ 15,750.00
Pay Roll	$ 7,484.13	
Supplies and Misc.	8,265.87	
Total Payments	$ 15,750.00	
Harnden and Salem Street Resurfacing:		
Balance fwd. from 1940		$ 2,175.65
Transferred to Defense Appropriation	$ 2,175.65	
John Street Dump Appropriation		$ 1,200.00
Pay Roll	$ 1,193.08	
Miscellaneous	6.92	
Total Payments	$ 1,200.00	
Special Drainage Investigation:		
Balance fwd. from 1940		$ 430.55
Material	$ 29.15	
Transferred to Drainage System Installation	401.40	
Total Payments	$ 430.55	
Drainage System Installation:		
Appropriation Loan		$ 45,000.00
Trans. from Drainage Investigation		401.40
Appro. Special Town Meeting Dec. 1, 1941		6,000.00
		$ 51,401.40

Pay Roll	$ 221.29	
Comm. of Mass.	45,000.00	
Supplies and Misc.	1,060.97	
Total Payments	$ 46,282.26	
Balance to 1942	5,119.14	
	$ 51,401.40	
Sewer Department Maint. and Const. and Int.:		
Appropriation		$ 12,000.00
Pay Roll	$ 6,174.94	
Interest on Bonds	2,050.00	
Insurance	432.04	
Equipment Maintenance	474.01	
Supplies and Tools	1,285.71	
All Other	287.09	
Total Payments	$ 10,703.79	
Balance to Revenue	1,296.21	
	$ 12,000.00	
Sewer Department House Connection:		
Appropriation:		$ 1,700.00
Pay Roll	$ 1,068.32	
Pipe and Miscellaneous	631.68	
Total Payments	$ 1.700.00	
Park Department, Appropriation		$ 5,000.00
Pay Roll	$ 2,811.90	
Tools and Supplies	827.20	
Lights	299.09	
Repairs Tennis Courts	713.63	
Fencing	66.28	
All Other	281.90	
Total Payments	$ 5,000.00	
Water Department, Maintenance, Construction, Bonds and Interest, Appropriation		$ 55,000.00
Transfer from Reserve		9,490.04
Bond Issue		10,000.00
		$ 74,490.04

Pay Roll	$ 23,358.91	
Bonds	10,000.00	
Interest on Bonds	1,232.50	
Insurance	804.82	
Telephones	123.85	
Light and Power	5,552.89	
New Meters and Hydrants	3,709.73	
Auto Equipment Repairs	666.54	
Pipe	11,941.04	
Supplies, Tools, Fittings	13,060.14	
Fuel, Coal and Oil	543.21	
All Other	3,443.85	
Total Payments	$ 74,437.48	
Balance to Water Reserve	52.56	
	$ 74,490.04	

Municipal Light Department

Balance from 1940		$ 3,823.89
Receipts:		
Sales Light and Power		345,164.47
Merchandise and Jobbing		67,260.84
Notes Payable—Garage		10,000.00
Notes Payable—Underground		21,000.00
Sale of High St. Property		10,000.00
Street Light Appropriation		14,000.00
Miscellaneous		41,649.12
Total		$512,898.32
Payments:		
New Construction, Operation and Maintenance Exxpenditures	$166,362.35	
Elec. Energy Purchased	146,807.50	
Salaries and Wages	112,613.49	
Taxes	5,185.00	
Insurance	2,513.87	
Bonds and Notes	19,000.00	
Interest	2,960.00	
Paid to Treasurer	35,000.00	
Total Payments	$490,442.21	
Balance to 1942	22,456.11	
	$512,898.32	

Note: For unpaid bills Municipal Light Dept. see Dept. Report.

Insurance Account

Appropriation		$ 11,487.40
Receipts:		
Water Department		804.82
Municipal Light Department		1,390.09
W. P. A. Department		251.76
Sewer Department		432.04
Refunds		24.47
		$ 14,390.58
Payments:		
Fire Schedule	$ 3,757.09	
Workmen's Compensation	2,572.26	
Public Liability	545.73	
General Liability	381.14	
Safe Burglary and Robbery	124.04	
Auto Pub. Liab. and Property Damage	3,621.05	
Auto Fire and Theft	398.32	
Boiler	95.81	
Plate Glass	36.68	
Machine Breakage	246.23	
Surety Bonds	755.75	
Total Payments	$ 12,534.10	
Transferred to Various Accounts	1.200.00	
Balance to Revenue	656.48	
	$ 14,390.58	

Unpaid Bills

School Department Cafeteria:

J. Cuneo & Co.	$ 2.42	
First National Stores	86.19	
H. P. Hood & Sons, Malden	148.41	
H. P. Hood & Sons, Charlestown	291.00	
Clinton W. Spear	36.80	
		$ 564.82

Interest, Not Inc. Water, Light and Sewer

Appropriation		$ 4,605.62
Municipal Relief	$ 1,938.75	
Municipal Garage	326.25	
County Hospital	52.50	
Elementary School	1,715.00	
Drainage	312.50	
Storm Damage	125.00	
Tax Titles	7.63	
Temporary Loans	782.60	
Fire Apparatus	47.50	
Miscellaneous	6.90	
Total Payments	$ 4,414.68	
Balance to Revenue	190.94	
	$ 4,605.62	

Maturing Debt, Not Inc. Water, Light

Appropriation		$ 43,000.00
Sewer	$ 14,000.00	
Municipal Garage	3,000.00	
Municipal Relief	14,000.00	
Hospital	1,000.00	
Drainage	2,000.00	
Elementary School	6,000.00	
Storm Damage	3,000.00	
Total Payments	$ 43,000.00	

Outstanding Debt Balancing Account

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941		$474,500.00
Loans issued in 1941:		
Light Department Garage and Stock Room	$ 10,000.00	
Underground Extension	21,000.00	
Drainage System Installation	45,000.00	
Tax Titles	7,000.00	
Water Department	10,000.00	
Fire Equipment	9,500.00	
		$102,500.00

Loans Paid Up 1941

Light Department	19,000.00	
Water Department	10,000.00	
Sewer Department	7,000.00	
Middlesex County Hospital	1,000.00	
Municipal Relief	21,000.00	
Municipal Garage	3,000.00	
Drainage 1939	2,000.00	
Storm Emergency	3,000.00	
Elementary School	6,000.00	
Tax Title 1940	2,500.00	
Tax Title 1941	3,491.81	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1941	*499,008.19	
	$577,000.00	$577,000.00

*Includes Tax Title Loan balance of $3,508.19.

Reserve Fund

Appropriation		$ 4,000.00
Election and Registration	$ 300.00	
Garbage Collection	200.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	450.00	
Sidewalk Account	750.00	
Highway Account	450.00	
School Department	278.50	
Police Department	83.65	
Fire Department	200.00	
Fire Station Maintenance	150.00	
Town Counsel	128.00	
Land Court	175.00	
Board of Health	50.00	
Municipal Building	50.00	
Total Payments	$ 3,265.15	
Balance to Revenue	734.85	
	$ 4,000.00	

Memorial Day Observance

Appropriation		$ 600.00
Payments	$ 599.62	
Balance to Revenue	.38	
	$ 600.00	

Rent American Legion Quarters		
Appropriation		$ 1,500.00
Reading Veterans' Association	$ 1,500.00	
Town Forest		
Appropriation		$ 300.00
Payroll	$ 300.00	
Land Court Expense		
Appropriation		$ 300.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		175.00
Refund		18.75
		$ 493.75
Payments Land Court	$ 405.75	
Balance to Revenue	88.00	
	$ 493.75	
Publication Street List		
Appropriation		$ 388.00
Reading Chronicle Press	$ 388.00	
Special Committee Low Cost Housing		
Appropriation		$ 1,000.00
George H. Sidebottom	$ 200.00	
Balance to 1942	800.00	
	$ 1,000.00	
Excess and Deficiency Account		
Balance Jan. 1, 1941		$ 51,828.88
Receipts Redemption of Property		7,028.23
Additional Poll Tax Commitment		4.00
Transfer Receipts in excess of estimates		9,714.67
Transfer Unexpended Balances		8,093.82
Adjustment entries		4.00
Transfer from Tax Titles	$ 8,234.99	
Transfer to Tax Title Loan Reserve	6,087.57	
Adjustment entries	4.50	
Balance to 1942	62,346.54	
	$ 76,673.60	$ 76,673.60

TOWN DEBT DETAIL OF MATURITIES 1942

Year	Municipal Relief	Elementary School	Municipal Garage	County Hospital	Drainage 1939	Drainage 1941	Water Dept.	Water Filtration	Sewer Dept.	Municipal Light Dept.	Storm Damage	Fire Equipment	Totals
1942	$21,000	$6,000	$3,000	$1,000	$2,000	$5,000	$8,000	$4,000	$7,000	$21,000	$6,000	$2,000	$86,000
1943	20,000	6,000	2,000	1,000	2,000	5,000	6,000	3,000	7,000	22,000	5,000	2,000	81,000
1944	12,000	6,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	5,000	6,000	3,000	7,000	20,000	5,000	2,000	70,000
1945	11,000	6,000	2,000			5,000	6,000	3,000	6,000	18,000	2,000	2,000	61,000
1946	2,000	6,000	2,000			5,000	4,000		6,000	16,000	2,000	1,500	44,500
1947	2,000	6,000	2,000			4,000			6,000	14,000	2,000		36,000
1948	2,000	6,000				4,000			2,000	8,000	2,000		24,000
1949	2,000	5,000				4,000			2,000	5,000	2,000		20,000
1950		5,000				4,000				4,000			13,000
1951		5,000				4,000				4,000			13,000
1952		5,000								2,000			7,000
1953		5,000								2,000			7,000
1954		5,000								2,000			7,000
1955		5,000								2,000			7,000
1956		5,000								1,000			6,000
1957		5,000								1,000			6,000
1958		5,000								1,000			6,000
1959										1,000			1,000
	$72,000	$92,000	$13,000	$3,000	$5,000	$45,000	$30,000	$13,000	$43,000	$144,000	$26,000	$9,500	$495,500

Does not include Tax Title Loan — Balance due $3,508.19.

LOANS IN ANTICIPATION OF REVENUE

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1941 due Nov. 1941 ..... $250,000.00

Issued in 1941

Date	Note Due	Purchased by	Rate	Amount
Mar. 31, 1941	Nov. 24, 1941	Second National Bank of Boston	.18	$250,000.00
Nov. 28, 1941	Nov. 10, 1942	Second National Bank of Boston	.21	225,000.00
				$725,000.00

Paid in 1941:

November 500,000.00

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1941 ..... $225,000.00

TRUST FUNDS CASH AND SECURITIES

Balance Jan. 1, 1941	$257,498.52	
Hospital Fund Income	4,152.82	
Cemetery Bequest Fund Income	2,230.51	
Cemetery Bequest Fund Bequests	2,575.00	
R. H. S. Scholarship Fund Income	100.83	
Public Library Fund Income	20.29	
Public Library Fund Income (H. G. Wadlin)	35.04	
Hospital Fund Payments:		
For Hospital Care		$ 1,926.63
For Administrative Expenses		130.00
Cemetery Bequest Fund Payments:		
For Care Endowed Lots		2,450.28
R. H. S. Scholarship Fund Payments:		
For Scholarships		100.00
Balance Dec. 31, 1941		262,006.10
	$266,613.01	$266,613.01

Hospital Fund

Balance Jan. 1, 1941		$164,907.00
Receipts Income		4,152.82
Payments for Hospital Care and Adm.	$ 2,056.63	
Balance Dec. 31, 1941	167,003.19	
	$169,059.82	$169,059.82

Cemetery Bequest Fund

Balance Jan. 1, 1941		$ 84,768.15
Receipts		4,805.51
Payments for Care Lots and Graves	$ 2,450.28	
Balance Dec. 31, 1941	87,123.38	
	$ 89,573.66	$ 89,573.66

Reading High School Scholarship Fund

Balance Jan. 1, 1941		$ 5,051.87
Receipts		100.83
Payments for Scholarships	$ 100.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1941	5,052.70	
	$ 5,152.70	$ 5,152.70

Library Fund

Balance Jan. 1, 1941		$ 1,027.81
Receipts		20.29
Balance Dec. 31, 1941	$ 1,048.10	
	$ 1,048.10	$ 1,048.10

Library Fund H. C. Wadlin

Balance Jan. 1, 1941		$ 1,743.69
Receipts		35.04
Balance Dec. 31, 1941	$ 1,778.73	
	$ 1,778.73	$ 1,778.73

STATEMENT OF INVESTED FUNDS

Hospital Fund

Investments Listed at Par or Less:	
$5,000 Chicago B. & Q. R. R. Co., Ill., Div. "M" 3½s, 1949	$ 5,000.00
$4,050—100 Shares First National Bank, Boston	4,050.00
$5,000 Ill. Cent. R. R. Co., Tr. 4's, 1952	5,000.00
$5,000 Ill. Cent. R. R. Co., St. Louis Div. 1st M 3's 1951	5,000.00
$5,000 U. S. Treasury Bonds 4¼'s, 1952	5,000.00
$10,000 U. S. Treasury 3⅜'s, 1947-1943	10,000.00
$6,000 Bell Telephone of Penna. 1st Ref. B 5's, 1948	6,000.00

$5,000 Chicago B. & Q. R. R. Co., Ill., Div. 4's, 1949 ..	5,000.00
$7,000 U. S. Savings Bonds, 1949	5,250.00
$5,000 Old Colony R. R. 1st 5's, 1945	5,000.00
$5,000 Penn. R. R. Co. Gen. Mort. 4½s, 1965	5,000.00
American Mfg. Co., Common, 72 Shares	1.00
Home Bleachery & Dye Works, Pfd., 2 Shares	11.00
Sharp Mfg. Co., Pfd., 55 Shares	1.00
Sharp Mfg. Co., Comm., 20 Shares (10921300)	1.00
Andover Savings Bank, No. 39860	8,130.87
Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 162338	8,408.84
Essex Savings Bank, Lawrence, No. 230778	$ 8,285.41
Mechanics Savings Bank, Reading, No. 9189	16,286.36
First National Bank, Reading, Savings Dept., No. 6435	5,852.75
Chelsea Savings Bank, No. 154784	10,547.58
Danvers Savings Bank, No. 2189	1,163.34
Dedham Institution for Savings, No. 72053	3,294.48
Franklin Savings Bank, Boston, No. 187890	2,225.64
Lynn Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 244496	2,178.20
Malden Savings Bank, No. 141347	6,087.99
Melrose Savings Bank, No. 52937	2,214.42
Provident Institution for Savings, Boston, No. 615034 ..	8,947.06
Suffolk Savings Bank, Boston, No. 544673	2,207.43
Wakefield Savings Bank, No. 45111	4,396.12
Warren Institution for Savings, Boston, No. 135648 ...	11,407.60
Woburn Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 63401	5,045.02
Cash in General Fund	1,371.71
	$168,364.82

Cemetery Bequest Fund

Investments Listed at Par:

$5,000 N. E. Tel. 1st Mort. 5's, Series A, 1952	$ 5,000.00
$5,000 No. Pac. Ry. Ref. and Imp. 6's, Series B2047 ..	5.000.00
$4,000 N. Y. C. R. R. Ref. Imp. 5's, Series C2013	4,000.00
Blackstone Savings Bank, Boston, No. 10672	6,925.25
Home Savings Bank, Boston, No. 368204	13,311.26
Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 948228	17,684.77
Andover Savings Bank, No. 40177	4,878.38
Cambridge Savings Bank, No. 89112	4,971.25
Essex Savings Bank, Lawrence, No. 230779	4,971.10
Mechanics Savings Bank, Reading, No. 5103	5,002.32

Mechanics Savings Bank, Reading, No. 10714	2,976.99
Malden Savings Bank, No. 137262	6,248.40
Woburn Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 61052	6,028.65
Cash in General Fund	125.00
	$ 87,123.38

Library Fund

Investment:

Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 987334	$ 1,030.22
Cash in General Treasury	17.88
	$ 1,048.10

Library Fund

Horace G. Wadlin Fund

Investment:

Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 1079095	$ 1,778.73

Reading High School Scholarship Fund

Investments:

Andover Savings Bank, No. 39861	$ 1,000.00
Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 161863	3,000.00
Essex Savings Bank, Lawrence, No. 230306	1,000.00
First National Bank, Reading, Savings Dept., No. 5624	52.70
	$ 5,052.70

I hereby certify that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 55, Chapter 41 of the General Laws, I have audited the account of the Commissioners of Trust Funds, have examined the securities and verified bank balances and report the foregoing to be a true and accurate statement, December 31, 1941.

LEON G. BENT,
Town Accountant.

TOWN OF READING

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1941

ASSETS

Cash in Banks and Offices		$222,863.63
Municipal Light Consumers' Deposit Fund		11,004.54
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes: Levy of 1940	$ 39,911.03	
Levy of 1941	119,888.69	159,799.72
Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1940	88.15	
Levy of 1941	853.48	941.63
Special Assessments:		
Moth and Tree Work 1940	$ 45.50	
Moth and Tree Work 1941	113.00	158.50
Sewer Assessments Unapportioned	$ 433.84	
Added to Taxes 1940	31.53	
Added to Taxes 1941	104.34	
Interest Added to Taxes 1940	5.00	
Interest Added to Taxes 1941	46.99	621.70
Sewer H. C. Asst. Unapportioned	$ 232.31	
Added to Taxes 1941	26.11	

LIABILITIES AND RES.$RVES

Temporary Loans Anticipation of Revenue		$225,000.00
Anticipation of Reimbursement		24,500.00
Guarantee Deposits:		
Municipal Light Department		11,004.54
Premium and Interest		820.08
Hospital Fund Transfer Account	$ 1,371.71	
Cemetery Bequest Fund	125.00	
Public Library	17.88	1,514.59
Unexpended Appropriation Balances		25,783.09
Cemetery Reserve Fund		5,079.79
State and County Taxes Deficit		524.23
Special Funds:		
Edw. W. & Philip H. Raymond Fund	$ 128.16	
Morrison Fund	63.96	
Baseball Fund	72.00	
Dog License Fees due County	26.40	
Fishing and Hunting License Fees due State	6.00	296.52
Tailings Account		879.16

BALANCE SHEET (continued)

ASSETS

Interest Added to Taxes 1941	8.44	266.86
Sewer Rentals		1,297.77
Sidewalk Asst. Unapportioned	$ 3,853.33	
Added to Taxes 1940	98.86	
Added to Taxes 1941	197.13	
Interest Added to Taxes 1940	35.35	
Interest Added to Taxes 1941	46.83	4,231.50
Highway Asst. Unapportioned	$ 1,755.96	
Added to Taxes 1940	233.88	
Added to Taxes 1941	588.51	
Interest Added to Taxes 1940	69.41	
Interest Added to Taxes 1941	158.59	2,806.35
Tax Titles	$ 13,275.01	
Tax Possessions	5,575.71	$ 18,850.72
State Aid to Highways	$ 2,812.68	
County Aid to Highways	1,342.66	4,155.34
Departmental Accounts Receivable		28,377.45
Water Rates Receivable	$ 4,028.45	
Water Liens Unapportioned	35.10	

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Reserve Fund Overlay Surplus		1,860.73
Overlay 1940		583.60
Mun. Light Dept. Maint. Acct.	3,561.04	
Underground Ext.	8,895.07	12,456.11
Special Account		10,000.00
Revenue Reserved until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	$ 941.63	
Moth Assessments	158.50	
Sewer Assessments and Interest	621.70	
Sewer Assessments H. C. and Interest	266.86	
Sewer Rentals	1,297.77	
Sidewalk Assessments and Interest ..	4,231.50	
Highway Assessments and Interest ..	2,806.35	
Tax Titles	13,275.01	
Tax Possessions	5,575.71	
Departmental Accounts Receivable ..	28,374.45	
Water Dept. Rates and Liens Rec. ..	4,189.23	
Mun. Light Dept. Accts. Rec.	38,011.79	99,750.50
Departmental Accounts Overpayment ...		3.00
Cemetery Sales and Bequests		360.00
Reserve for Tax Title Loans		95.76
Water Dept. Available Surplus		7,292.43

Added to Taxes 1940	71.48		Real Estate Account	1,841.00
Added to Taxes 1941	54.20	4,189.23	Fire Loss Special Account	68.50
			Road Machinery Account	9,467.79
Municipal Light Dept. Accts. Rec.		38,011.79	Loans Authorized Unissued	7,000.00
County Tax Excess of Estimate		168.97	Surplus Revenue .(Excess and Deficiency)	62,346.54
Cemetery Sales Deferred Payments	$ 150.00			
Bequests Deferred Payments	210.00	360.00		
Overlay Deficit 1937	$ 18.00			
1939	634.44			
1941	2,192.60	2,845.04		
Overdraft Care Contagious Diseases Acct.		577.22		
Loans Authorized		7,000.00		
		$508,527.96		$508,527.96

DEFERRED ACCOUNTS

Apportioned Sewer Assessments not due	$ 2,461.45	Apportioned Sewer Assts. Rev. 1942-1950	$ 2,461.45
" Sewer H. C. Assessments not due	325.58	" Sewer H. C. Assts. Rev. 1942-1950	325.58
" Sidewalk Assessment not due	3,533.84	" Sidewalk Assts. Rev. 1942-1950	3,533.84
" Highway Assessments not due	11,835.47	" Highway Assts. Rev. 1942-1950	11,835.47
	$ 18,156.34		$ 18,156.34

BALANCE SHEET (Continued)

DEBT ACCOUNT

Loans Outstanding	$499,008.19	General Debt:		
		Municipal Relief 1935	$ 12,000.00	
		1938	14,000.00	
		1939	22,000.00	
		1940	24,000.00	$ 72,000.00
		Tax Title Loan 1941		3,508.19
		Elementary School Loan		92,000.00
		Municipal Garage Loan		13,000.00
		County Hospital		3,000.00
		Drainage System Loans 1939-1941		50,000.00
		Sewer Loans		43,000.00
		Storm Emergency Loans		26,000.00
		Fire Equipment		9,500.00
		Public Service Enterprises Debt:		
		Municipal Light Loans	144,000.00	
		Water System Loans	30,000.00	
		Water Filtration Plant Loan	13,000.00	187,000.00
	$499,008.19			$499,008.19

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds Cash and Securities	$263,367.73	Hospital Fund	$168,364.82
		Cemetery Bequest Fund	87,123.38
		Reading High School Scholarship Fund .	5,052.70
		Library Fund	1,048.10
		Library Fund (Horace G. Wadlin)	1,778.73
	$263,367.73		$263,367.73

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT FUND

Contributory Retirement Fund Cash	$ 1,290.15	Annuity Savings Group I	$ 13,097.46
Contributory Retirement Fund:		Annuity Savings Group II	1,412.82
Savings Bank Deposits	17,045.00	Annuity Reserve Group	77.51
Co-operativve Bank Shares	2,855.60	Pension Accumulation Fund Group I	15,795.62
Other Securities	11,438.13	Pension Accumulation Fund Group II ...	1,797.68
		Investment Income	202.42
		Expense Account	245.38
	$ 32,628.89		$ 32,628.89
	$1,321,689.11		$1,321,689.11

REPORT OF THE CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The total membership of the Contributory Retirement System December 31, 1940 was 153 and four retired on pensions. During the year 1941 thirty-one members were admitted to the system, fourteen withdrew and four were retired, making a total membership of 166 active members, eight members retired.

Members Retired in 1941

Mr. George E. Horrocks of the Board of Assessors, retired March 3, 1941 at the age of 81, having served the Town for twenty-four years.

Mr. Henry M. Donegan, retired on March 3, 1941, having served on the Moth and Tree Departments for over thirty-five years.

Mr. Owen McKenney, retired on August 1, 1941, at the age of 80, after serving on the Fire Department for over fifty-nine years, and also having served on the Board of Registrars since 1897.

Mr. William H. Killam, retired on May 1, 1941, at the age of 70, after serving approximately twenty-five years.

Under the statutory requirements, 3% interest is guaranteed to the depositors of the Fund and unless this is earned by investments of the Retirement Board, it must be made up from the tax levy. Your Retirement Board is pleased to inform you that this year, due to its investments it will be unnecessary to appropriate any amount for the Interest Account.

The following is the financial statement for the year ended December 31, 1941:

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT FUND 1941

Receipts

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1941	$ 10,720.02	
Town Appropriation 1941	15,816.00	
Contributions of Members	10,442.02	
Dividends on Savings Bank Deposits	260.19	
Dividends Co-op. Bank Shares	15.60	
Income Invested Funds	287.50	
		$ 37,541.33

Expenditures

Pensions and Annuities Paid	$ 4,174.12	
Refunds Members Deductions	453.02	
Operating Expenses:		
Clerical	159.60	
Other Payments	45.73	
Accrued Interest	79.97	
		$ 4,912.44
		$ 32,628.89

Assets

Cash Deposit not on interest, First Nat'l Bank	$ 1,290.16	
Deposits on Interest:		
Mechanics Savings Bank Bk. 19442	4,045.00	
Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank Bk. 229274	3,000.00	
Melrose Savings Bank Bk. 57239	2,000.00	
Andover Savings Bank Bk. 54580	2,000.00	
Natick Savings Bank Bk. 60456	1,000.00	
Pilgrim Trust Co., Boston Bk. 6254	3,000.00	
Hingham Bank for Savings Bk. 39838	2,000.00	
Co-operative Bank Shares:		
Reading Co-operative Bank Bk. 9407	322.80	
Melrose Co-operative Bank Bk. 7985	240.80	
Woburn Co-operative Bank Bk. 17277	240.80	
Lexington Co-operative Bank Bk. 5446	240.80	
Wakefield Co-operative Bank Bk. 8158	322.80	
Salem Co-operative Bank Bk. 16527	240.80	
Malden Co-operative Bank Bk. 21870	240.80	
Concord Co-operative Bank Bk. 5491	200.80	
Gloucester Co-operative Bank Bk. 13089	240.80	

Citizens' Co-operative Bank, Haverhill, Bk. 10941	363.60	
Roger Conant Co-operative Bank, Salem, Bk. 12851	200.80	

Investments:

$2,000. Atchison T. & Santa Fe R.R. 4's 1995	2,202.50	
1,000. Union Pacific R.R. 3½'s 1980	1,037.50	
3,000. Pacific Gas & Electric Co. 3¾'s 1961	3,337.50	
3,000. Chicago B. & Q. Ill. Div. 4's 1949	2,970.00	
20 Shares National Shawmut Bank, Boston Cert. No. 34674	535.00	
15 Shares First National Bank, Boston Cert. No. 183404	716.25	
15 Shares First National Bank, Boston Cert. No. 184626	639.38	
		$ 32,628.89

Liabilities

Annuity Savings Fund	$ 14,510.28	
Annuity Reserve Fund	77.51	
Pension Accumulation Fund	17,593.30	
Expense Fund	245.38	
Investment Income	202.42	
		$ 32,628.89

J. WARREN KILLAM, Jr., Chairman
LEON G. BENT, Secretary
JOHN J. O'BRIEN
Contributory Retirement Board.

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